





Chapter 1: The Labyrinth of Different World

Part 1

[Summon]

Welcome Back, Kanami Aikawa-

White letters appear in the darkness, as dark as the lake at night.

Before I can finish reading the message, it disappears. Then emotionlessly I shelved it.

In my hazy consciousness, I'm trying to wake my senses.

The pain hurts my conscience. At the same time, I feel uncomfortable, like something is stuck in my throat.

「Kuhh─!?」

I can't take it anymore, so I open my eyes.

As I open my eyes, I can't see clearly. Everything is blurry. But after a while, I can see a black wall. And when I get my vision back, I realize it's not a black wall, it's a ceiling.

I get up and look around.

I lay against the corridor's wall. Even if there is no light, the stone lit a little bit. Thanks for that, now I can look around.

There's a small altar in the corner of the corridor. I look at it carefully, noticing that the altar can collapse anytime.

At the altar, there are remains of two candles, already covered with moss. Animal skin is offered there, and an old-fashioned looking arrow pierced the animal's skin.

「What the hell is this...?」

As I am surprised by my surroundings, I can't help but say that.

[I don't understand] [I have a bad feeling about this ...]

My heart is beating fast, panicking, I jump back.

I don't even understand my own words, the language that I just spoke, what kind of language? I don't understand my situation now.

There is no warm bed here, no sunlight in the morning that flows through the curtain, no noisy alarm clock, and no electricity. Only dirty and cold stones that lit a little bit. And the smell is so bad, it hurts my nose.

This is so bad and not normal.

「Ukhhh─!!

Until my nausea gets better, I will rest a little bit. And then, I'll decide what to do next. However, a roaring sound from the distance won't let me rest.

「ROOOOOAAAARRRRghhh—!!」

That roar doesn't even give me time to think why all of this is happening.

The kind of roar with the intent to kill.

「A howling? Wait...wait a minute」

I don't know what's happening. I can't even understand my own words!

I swung around in confusion, and start running further from the roar.

I run through the corridor. It's so unreal. The dim light makes me sick. I took turns many times my way, but the scenery won't change. It makes me impatient. Where is this going to end?

As I run, I hear something bad. Seems like I stepped on something hard, so I look down.

An insect, its fists are like clenching, it was crushed.

[U, UOOOOO!!]

I scream at the terrible view.

I like insects. But, in the city where I live, there is no insect this big. I'm already used to that kind of life.

A half-dead insect cries "Kikiki". Desperately looking for help.

I'm awed. Surprised and scared at the same time. I turn my eyes to the next corner.

From the corner, a – human size-insect shows its face and glares at me.

A size beyond my common sense. It moves its square-built hands and feet. Just like an insect, it makes an unpleasant sound like "Gichigichi". A stag beetle is nearby. Two kinds of insects. Draining my sanity.

$\lceil - Ukhh!!? \rfloor$

I can't say anything anymore. Come to think of it, probably it was attacked by the monster.

I turn my back, running away as fast as I can.

I continue running. Not looking back and not even thinking. Just following my instinct to run away further from the monster.

I continue running until I'm out of breath, forcing me to slow down. As I try to catch my breath, I hear the roar.

「−ROOOOAAARRRR!!」

The angry voice of the beast.

This time, it's closer than before. This is stupid, I have returned to my starting point!

Feels like my blood is being drained and I can feel my body stiffen.

But, as I get closer to the angry voice, I can hear other voices as well.

Voices of humans, talking about something.

I cannot hear the contents.

I begin walking towards the voices. It's like I'm drawn into the light.

In this kind of madness, I need to find someone.

As I get closer, I can hear the human voices clearly, but the beast also makes a loud noise.

[Keep your distance! Keep your distance! Give me time!]

A man giving the command to his nearby companions.

It's like a scene from a fairy tale. First of all, his clothes are so uncommon.

Leather armor and wooden bow, which can only be seen at a museum.

One person swinging a rusted iron sword. Another person throws a fireball from a wooden staff, without anything mechanical involved.

Those -without common sense-people, are fighting against a huge wolf, in the middle of the corridor. This wolf length is approximately 3 meters.

But I don't have any courage to jump into the fight. I can only look from afar.

[Hold it out!!! I can handle it if you buy me some time!]

The man – I think he's the leader-is giving instructions to the long sword soldier.

I watch them. The long sword soldier is trying to bring down the wolf. The hurting wolf -reacting to the soldier-with a magnificent speed, throw the long sword soldier deeper into the corridor. The soldier was blown away and splashes like a water balloon.

The wolf has its eyes now fixed to the woman with the staff. They notice that and change the battle formation to protect her.

[Regroup preparations! Retract to a vacant place!]

With that, a large movement is carried out to go away from the wolf.

As a result, a battlefield approaches me. It was a good opportunity and dangerous at the same time I'm confused and scared.

Probably I would have hidden if I'm in the right state of mind. But I'm not.

As I watch them, amazed, my eyes meet with the man with the sword. The leader.

「Whaa!? You, Who are you!?」

He shouts at me. I can tell from his face that he is clearly surprised. I pull myself together and ask for help.

[I'm lost, please help me!]

I move slowly towards him.

Stuttering words come from my mouth, but still I expect his reaction.

[Help you? You, are you stupid?]

—I believed he would help me—, but his reaction is as cold as an ice blade.

ΓEh? Ι

He doesn't give me any direct answer. His reaction is like an answer from my — too much— ask for help.

If I'm in my right mind, I might notice.

From the situation, the clothes, weapons, beast, and the danger they fought, finally I realize. They have no time to help and they don't have such kindness.

But in this situation, I don't have the mind to understand what's happening now.

「This is a Labyrinth, and furthermore, this is ☐The outside area of management territory ☐ ☐ You should've prepared your resolution KID!!! ☐

His words pierce me, as cold as a blade. And then a cold blade pierces through me, this time, it's literally.

My thigh, I can feel the burning sensation from the blade's cut.

「U, Uaaaaa!!!」

I cry and fall on my back.

TA soloist here! All members withdraw! I

He commands someone near him.

I can't understand the words. No, I don't want to understand it.

The woman with staff watches me while other members walk pass by her. They don't say a thing.

The soldier who was blown off previously watches me too. All the members pass me by.

As expected, the huge wolf —which is previously running after them-now preys on me.

「─U, Ua, AAAAAAAAA!」

I jump to dodge the wolf, out of fear, I step back. However, I fall down awkwardly because an acute pain ran through my thigh that has been cut before.

The wolf approaches me, who is the closest one from all of them.

The ferocious eyes of a huge wolf and a sharp tooth, I can imagine my miserable death.

My thought are overflowing. My hate towards them is boiling. After all that I experienced in my life, is this the end? And—

【Skill 『???』is activated】

Stabilizing my mind from feelings gets confusion point +1.00

—Unidentified

¶Indication

¶is floating on the edge of my view.

I don't have time to understand what Indication is. But, contrary to my heart, my brain cools off rapidly.

The overflowing hatred and feelings begin to calm. Now I can concentrate and I can think clearly to prepare what's best for now.

I stand with my —still fine— foot, not the injured one.

At the same time, the wolf attacks me. I jump to its side.

I'm not quick enough to evade the wolf. My upper right arm is torn by the wolf's nail.

I can feel the crucifying pain but I don't have time to think about it.

At that moment, I hear a voice coming from the safety zone. There are people who have survived.

TOK! Close the path from here! Shoot it! J

Chills run into my body.

The enemy is not only the wolf. Those human beings are my enemies as well.

And now, with my clear mind, I now know the answer.

—Those fellows! Used me as a decoy and ran away.

As I feel that something is off, I look behind, thunder flame is approaching.

The wolf notices too. However, it is too late. The wolf -which is very determined to bite me-cannot evade it.

And I don't have any skill to escape from the thunder flame.

The thunder flame splits open, surrounding me and explode all over.

I protect my head with both hands. And lay as close as possible to the ground.

A bomb blast behind me and threw me away.

The flame burns my body. It feels like the fire skins my whole body.

I keep encouraging myself, making the cut on my thighs as a reminder. Trying to calm the hatred and vexation.

After I extinguish the fire, I open my eyes slowly and watch my surrounding.

The flame that burned the whole area is now disappearing in an instant like magic.

And then, from the direction where those human beings ran away, there is a wall of flame.

「Ah, Ah, Isee─」

So that is what they're after huh? But, I can't speak. My words tremble from my burnt throat. But, my eyes are still working normally.

In the corridor, the path to escape is burned down. Only the huge wolf and I who remain.

We both stand up.

However, I'm already too weak.

Because of that the huge wolf flew toward me. And furthermore I'm burned from the flame, I suffered a lot of injuries.

Even though the wolf's breath is now shortened, its eyes still shine brightly.

It still has its fighting spirit. It makes me think This damn wolf. Even though I'm badly injured...]

Both of us are getting ready.

Its movement still looks good.

The long sword falls behind me. Probably, it was used by the previous soldier. If I make a surprise attack, probably it will increase my chance of surviving.

I turn my back from the wolf and run as fast as I can.

I see the wolf is going to jump after me.

Crucifying pain runs on my left thigh. Danger alerts ringing in my brain noisily.

I'm still running Even though my legs feel heavy. I can't predict when the wolf will get near me.

I pick up the long sword as fast as I can, I turned around and cut it down.

The long sword is so heavy. I can't support it even with both hands. With all the power that I have left, I put my bet in this attempted attack.

With a vivid dull sound, the long sword is buried under the neck of the wolf.

[I, I did it—ah, ugh!]

I'm pleased with my successful attack attempt. The wolf lets the long sword cut into its neck and bent over me.

I can barely avoid its tusk and nails. But I can't avoid its -3 meters more-body.

It's unbelievably heavy and I have to support it with my whole body. It stomach contents flow out from its mouth.

Even though his neck is about to detach, it's still trying to eat and kill me. It opens its mouth and tries to swallow my head. I pull my consciousness to go away. I twist my body and make a deeper cut.

「Damnn You—!!」

I intend to throw its 3 meters body from mine. But when I look at my hand, I realize I don't have such power.

However, a few gaps are available between the wolf and me. I get away from under the wolf quickly.

I don't have the sword anymore. It stuck in its neck. I watch the wolf from the distance. It looks like its still want to chase me. But its body doesn't move

anymore.

The wolf was tattered. It suffers a great deal of burned. And it bleeds so much.

However, I cannot be careless.

I continue observing the wolf from afar.

Its right eye was burnt and destroyed. A bow and arrow pierce a hind leg deeply. The long sword where I buried, slashed until its trachea. Its Respiratory sound plays the sound that sounds like the flute.

「You…」

I speak unconsciously.

The wolf drags it's seriously wounded body and steps towards me.

I continue moving inside its blind spot, where its eyes burnt so that I'm sure it won't see me.

Soon as I do that, the wolf falls down.

Blood piles up like a pond to the ground, and its breathing is slowing. At the same moment, its body lit into an emerald-green color.

A clang-clang sound, from the long sword and the arrow -which stuck inside the wolf fall-fell to the ground.

[Eh...?]

I see.

It vanishes.

The body doesn't stay. It vanishes like an illusion.

As it body vanished, a green emerald stone rolls from it.

And, the Indication is reflected calmly in my retina.

【Title [The beginning of Shinsui] is in possession】

STR gets revision of +0.10——

Part 2

After I defeated the wolf, carefully, I look around my surrounding.

In this surreal situation, normally I should be really confused. But strangely I'm calm. I feel like I can ignore the confusion and I can move my body as usual without hesitation.

I pick up the items that the wolf dropped from the previous fight.

From the corpses body, that the wolf killed, seems like there are lots of things that I can use. I don't feel guilty at all. I can say this is necessary, however, my senses are paralyzed. I have to live without overthinking.

From the corpse, I can get supplies that I need in order to survive or live here.

I wear the accessories that I take.

Wearing leather gloves and put on an overcoat and hang a leather bag on my waist. I Put a Strange form knife on my jeans' belt and I hold a -one hand-sword on my hand.

I just steal anything that I can take.

And last, I look at the place where the wolf disappeared.

The long sword that I used for the previous fight lay there.

I want to bring the long sword, but it is impossible to carry along. It weights approximately twice from the single handed sword. The one that catches my interest is the green stone.

In the corpse body, there are so many green stones.

Judging from my situation now, I'm afraid the green stones will only slowing me down and puts me in danger because of its weight. I don't want to carry useless things.

But the color of this stone is the same like the stone that the wolf dropped.

I'm guessing and pretty certain that there are remaining monster bodies which killed here and has the same stone.

I feel sympathize towards humans that died here.

I picked up the stone and put it into my pocket.

Then, What should I do now?

I do what I can.

Even if some kind of monstrous creatures appears, I have to deal with it.

The choices are [Wait here] or [get going]

The cut on my thigh is lighter than I thought. Probably I can pull my body. However, it's still annoying to walk with this leg even though the bleeding has been stopped.

If I move, the bleeding will only get worse, and I'm certain that I'll lose my energy.

The point is, if I lost my energy here, I will be in danger. This is certainly very risky.

At the same time, waiting here any longer will be as terrible as well.

That was a very terrible experience. Waiting for someone to rescue me, just like I did before.

They heart were already rotten. So rot that they can hurt people who is asking for their help.

I doubt if I wait here, somebody will come to rescue me.

Therefore, I decided [Get going]

「Shall I use this sword as a walking stick?...」

I check the sword out and feel its sensation.

It's not really suitable to use as a walking stick.

[I hope there is something better than this one...]

Whilst saying that I look around again...and—

[Item]

Empty

The [Indication] is reflected in the midair, in front my eyes.

「Eh, Wha—t is this?」

I'm confused. This makes no sense. And a dry laugh comes out from my throat.

As I look at the sword in my hand, I can see The Indication I from the distance. It's totally stuck inside my retina, like some kind of dust. Even if I move, this view of Indication I won't get out.

I'm sure This is showing [Indication]

This is like, ha—hahahaha—!]

This is like a game.

It's the only way to picture about this current state.

A fantasy. A labyrinth. A monster. A huge insect. A huge wolf. An Adventurer. A Sword. A Bow and Arrow. The flame of a magician. A jewel. The message after the battle. [Indication] of An item.

Those usually appear in the game.

Before, it feels like I'm hallucinating. All of this are just illusion.

But now, after I'm fully aware that I'm not hallucinating, I think it's kind of fun.

After I calm myself down, I will find a way to escape. This is more than just a dream.

「Well if that's the case, Show 「Indication」about me」

I speak clearly. First of all, I'm going to try this.

[Status]

Name: Kanami Aikawa HP4/51 MP72/72 Class: -

Level 1

Str1.11 Vit1.03 Dex1.01 Agi2.02 Int4.00.....-

 $\lceil \dots \rceil$ This is hard to understand. is there any easier way for me to understand? \rfloor

(This is shown in The Japanese language) [Status]

Name: Kanami Aikawa HP4/51 MP72/72 Class: - Level 1

Strength1.11 Physical Strength1.03 Dext1.01 Speed2.02 Wisdom4.00 Magic Power2.00 Quality7.00 Confusion1.01 Bleeding0.52 Experience 805/100

Single handed Iron sword, Clothe of the underworld, mantle of Elfen, Leather bag, Boots of the underworld, throwing knife with a cursed mark.

「Ah, It becomes Japanese」

I muttered to response the [Indication] changes.

I'm bad when it comes to English. It's important for me to understand the words. I begin to read \[\text{Status} \] in Japanese. There is something I'm worried about \[\text{Item} \text{Empty} \]. Come to think of it, I don't have anything with me.

[Mmm.... But I'm carrying dried meat and water bag with me...]

Nevertheless, it shows out like this.

[Belonging]

None

I confirm it many times, but, after all, it seems like I have nothing.

「But, the main point is I don't really have any clue here, like, how do I play the game...」

I wonder are there any important requirements?

This is a game-like condition that won't work out if I don't meet the requirements.

「I wonder, are the equipment's give any effect? And do I have to meet any certain requirements to wear them? 」

Still, that doesn't mean I should wear all of them, right?

Is there any explanation how much my bag can carry?

I check the equipment on my body again. Well, this is sure like a game.

I try and try putting stuffs into my bag and my empty pocket. I try several ways, putting them in and out. But nothing happens.

「Then...」

Go in! Go in! Go in! Go in!

I shed my eyes toward the dried meat while praying to God. Honestly, I'm half joking. But it seems to work!

The air above swirling and swallow the dried meat.

「Scary!」

I pulled my hand quickly.

It was a scary.

「Ok, Show the [Belonging]」

[Belonging]

Dried meat

「Hahaha... Mmm. Like in the game」

I'm happy but scared at the same time.

I now understand the rule of [Belonging]

I have to have the intention to put in mid-air, and it was swallowed and stored somewhere.

[Well this is convenient...]

I begin to find another thing on the dead body again. There are still some stuffs left.

I try to find another rule of Belonging while throwing things at mid-air to store them.

By the way, human corpses and small insects can't be stored.

I don't understand the reason, but I think it's just the term.

[Belonging]

Dried meat, Water bag, Hemostatic, Numbness needle, Antidote, Rasp, Longsword, Leather bag, Leather gloves, Leather boots, Cloth, Iron knife, Wooden bow, Unmarked arrow, Lighter, Smartphone, Pebble, Branch, Tenth magic stone, Ninth magic stone.

By the way, lighter and smartphone are inside my jeans. I check, probably I can call someone with my phone, but as expected, it won't connect.

This is an old smartphone, and probably it's damaged because of some shocks. But I'm still lucky, the light and the clock still function properly.

ΓI put in various things... I'm glad that it writes the name of things that I don't know. If this is a game, it just dropped its difficulty level. But no, I'm saved, thanks for that... I

My face become relax when I realize the flour thing is actually an [Antidote].

「Well— Let's try another thing—」

[-ROOOOOAAAARRR-!!]

Just when I want to try it, the beast's roar echoed in the corridor.

Γ−Ck, Let's put it down, for now, J

I'm too busy with many things, that I forgot I'm still in danger. I begin to walk, getting away from the roar.

With a sword as my walking stick and The "Hemostatic" (after I wash my wound with water, I plastered it because I don't know how to use it), I walk away.

I walk through the corridor and I feel my body is getting lighter.

I confirm my [Status], My HP was self-healed.

I feel the crisis time in my life goes away, and I slow down a little bit.

I still want to try many things but it's impossible to stop now. I walk while murmuring and thinking about this words.

「Status, Help, Map, Save, Log, Chat, Logout, Login, Skill——」

I try to show another 「Indication」that might help me. But the most That I'm hoping for 「Help」 is not working. And the other is 『Log』 and 『Chat』 is not working as well.

The only thing that works is [Skill]—

[Skill]

Inherited Skills: Sword skill1.01 Freezing Magic2.00 Acquired Skills: Dimension Magic5:00

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[???] of two is showed. It seems like the inventor of this system doesn't want to show what kind of skill are they.

And I am surprised that [Magic] is lined in

Since when I become a magician. When I say a word [Magic] it follows my command and shows [Indication].

[Magic]

Freezing Magic: Freeze 1.00 Ice1.00 Dimension Magic: Dimension1.00

However, there are three magics that can save me. I want to jump in joy because now I can use magic. I don't know how or since when I can use magic. Then I try to test it out. In a game, it's common to find some first skills.

—If I think that this is a game...but...

Just thinking about it is driving me crazy. So I stop thinking and try to test it out.

The best I can do is to try it out.

「Mmmmm, GO!!! Freezing magic《ICE》!」

As I yell, I hold up over my one's hand. I expect something, like an ice stone blow off from my hand.

After I chant the magic, I sense something coming out from my hand to attack. I feel cold on my palm and feel that something unknown is gathering.

It's gathering but—it's surely too slow.

Probably it takes some time to gather moisture in the air and make tons of molecular dynamics produce the ice.

However, after approximately 10 seconds, the ice actually comes out. Of course, the chanting time is not yet included in that 10 seconds. Doesn't matter how you look at it, I don't find this is useful to attack something.

「Eh—Is it only just like this?」

What on earth is this magic? Urgghhh....

Is this some kind of daily life magic? Because my expectation is to use this to attack large insect and animal. Well, I feel sorry for myself.

Well after this much of effort, I took out cloth from my [Belonging] and I tear out the cloth. I made an Ice pack from it. But threw it away immediately after hitting the burnt wound because it hurts.

Freezing magic (Ice). Frankly say, it is useless.

Next, I try testing 《Freeze》 However, in the end, the result is just the same. It's just -daily magic-level. It only makes temperature around me drop slowly.

Then, I'm troubled about the last magic 《Dimension》. If I'm not mistaken, the meaning of Dimension is the measurement from the perspective of a point in Dimension. I don't have any confidence in this skill. I suppose I can accelerate it like I did with Freezing magic.

Perhaps a warp will appear and I might escape from this labyrinth, but it is hard to think that there were such magic to escape from this situation.

Then, I decided to hold myself from using it. After all, I don't know what kind of effect it will bring and will it be dangerous or not.

I'm scared if I make a mistake a black hole will appear.

I imagine myself using different magic, trying to test them.

「Recovery Magic, White Magic, Obtaining Magic, New of the new magic, First aid treatment, Burn, Heal─」

Unfortunately, it won't work.

I want recovery magic but such thing doesn't seem available for me somehow But on the way, Some Indication attracts my attention.

(Skills point)

Sword skill 1.01 Freezing Magic 2.00 Dimension Magic 5.00 Current available point is 0

Zero huh?

Probably it will increase as the same time as my level.

[Level Up Menu]

805/100

When I think about the level, suddenly it appears.

Requirements fulfilled.

However, I don't feel good about this \(\Gamma \) Requirements fulfilled \(\Lambda \).

It's not an automatic level up. It's a manual one.

Then, first of all, I try to look for a method to do manual level up.

[If I could, Manual Level up, pleas—ouch!]

Suddenly, I yell. My right arm feels like it was burned.

Reflex, I look at it. My upper arm was cut and bleeding.

[From, Where—?]

Something is moving in the corner as I look around.

An object bouncing with high speed. It floats around in mid-air like a basketball, it's buzzing. I look at it carefully, that distortion is an Insect getting closer.

「Monster—!?」

Immediately I change my way of thinking

I think about my everyday life. I use to play games too.

And since this place can't be defined with common sense too, I aim and swing my sword to that bouncing object. However, it dodges.

After it dodged, I begin to run immediately. I take distance out of the Distortion returning to my previous way, the one where I came before.

I failed at my attempted attack. I decided not to do anything impossible anymore.

Returning to my previous path. I can hear the insect buzzing. Thanks to that, I can predict the distance between me and the insect.

It's chasing me from behind.

So, the only thing left is time. I can throw something at it, to buy me some time.

I'm planning my strategy to fight the insect. Probably it'll be useless since I tried this in some game before. But I think it'll worth a try.

The <code>[Distortion]</code> is getting closer, I pulled out a leather bag from <code>[Belonging]</code> and throw out all the contents to the insect.

It disturbs the insect a little bit.

My strategy seems effective.

It was a creature with a feather. I think it reacts poorly towards the water. So I choose to attack with water. Because like in the game, the insect sure will have a weak point. With water, its speed will slow down too.

After making sure of it, I chant my magic.

Freezing Magic (Freeze) J

This magic can only drop the temperature slowly but, there is a chance this can weaken the creature. Will be best if I can kill it from the distance, using this magic.

「......I doubt this magic can even freeze it, but I hope at least can slow the creature down」

It weakens.

It's going to fly towards me, to stop me, but it can't reach me.

I still pay attention to it, just to make sure not to miss anything. Till the last, I can't drop my guard down.

[Monster] Dark Ring Fly: Rank 2

As I still looking at the insect, the I [Indication] pop out.

The Information of Indication is pop out at the direction of the Distortion.

This is bad.

I'm afraid this Dark Ring Fly make his -ultra speed fly, then disappear-as a weapon against me. But thanks to Indication it helps me locate the insect.

I think it can't attack anymore. The dark ring fly's movement become slower as time passes. I'm sure it must be exhausted because of my magic. I knock it down with my sword.

The Dark Ring Fly fell into the ground, perished with light, and only a dark transparent stone was left.

By the way, the dark transparent stone is [Tenth magic stone] according to [Indication]. From my experience before, I can say the Dark Ring Fly is a low-class monster.

Was it a waste that I used my tools and MP for a rank 2 monster?

MP left 68. The MP is still left, but I don't know what will happen if I waste it again.

I go through the path that I originally planned to go. Walking through the corridor that I haven't stepped on.

I continue thinking about the leveling system.

Even though I have tried many ways, trial and error. Still I stuck at level 1. Haven't leveled up yet.

I think there're some special requirements that have to be fulfilled in order to level up. I feel irritated, my experience already above the level up standard.

And I think back about the previous battle.

A surprise attack from a monster that can hardly seen. If that monster is not a level 2 monster, I might have died.

I better try many things from [Indication] to save my life. But I get absolutely nothing from it.

As I walk, I hear sound from further.

The sound comes from the Huge Insect which I encountered before.

[Monster] Ripper Beadle: Rank 3

I can expect its weapon just from its name. But I better keep still. I keep my body half-bent so I can respond if something happens.

Ripper Beadle Notices me. I gradually step back.

I don't how dangerous Rank 3 is.

Suddenly, Ripper Beadle rushes and the place become jam packed. However, its speed is nothing compares to the huge wolf. I swing my sword towards it.

[!—AAAH]

The sound of Irons clashing is echoing.

I expect that I cut its weak point. However, it's not. It's very solid. I yell [HAHH!], no meaning, just that so I look cool.

The movement is not a problem. Compare to that huge wolf and Dark Ring Fly, the huge insect is slow. I take out a tool from the [Belonging] to carry out my other plan.

Ripper beadle repeating its dash.

I dodged, creating some space. I pour oil on Ripper Beadle and I set it on fire with my lighter.

I thought it will be hard to lit the fire, but fortunately, just with one attempt, I manage to lit it. Ripper Beadle is covered with fire and begins to cry.

ΓUU...waaaa... I

It's a very disturbing scene.

Due the high temperature, its hand and feet come off.

Immediately, I try to attack at various places with my sword. Ripper Beadle shines at places where I attacked and disappeared. At the same time, a black stone falls.

The black stone that falls is <code>[Black Insect Stone]</code> in <code>[Indication]</code>. Unlike other <code>[Magic stone]</code>, this is slightly special.

I pay attention at the black stone in my palm and observe it.

[Black Insect Stone]

Unlike the usual magic stone, this stone only drops from -insect class monsterwith magical power The details appear......

This is so convenient.

I quickly check the items. I

At first, I try to test out the equip-able equipment. [Mantle of Elfen] and [Long sword of Apulia] it has a long name, it's seemed like have a special effect. [Mantle of Elfen] could protect the body from High heat and Low heat, [Long Sword of Apulia] if against a higher rank enemy it can manifest its true ability. This kinda a Magical Item.

It's good to have a set of offensive and defensive items.

And then I look at the detail which Concerns me the most.

[Dimension]

Consumption MP1

Basic Dimension Magic. Its ability is depending on the user. I try to grasp into the space.

It is like simple Magic support.

Usually, you should be able to come back to your original world with magic, such as warp, but I don't think this one is the same.

「Dimension Magic 《Dimension》」

I try to confirm what kind of thing it is first of all.

My five senses are waking up as soon as I chant the magic. Your intuition spreading all over. I can recognize the space approximately by the radius of 10 meters clearly. I'm in astonishment because I could pick up the previous information from the invisible corner.

「.....Th...This is great」

Well, this magic is the greatest! That's what I understand instantly.

This will help me to measure the enemy's ability. This can lessen the threat of getting killed!

I really use this skill (Dimension) to avoid monsters along the way.

I walk while thinking about this new system.

When 《Dimension》activates, I'm not surprised. But it doesn't mean I can

totally avoid every single enemy since there is a limit for the magic area.

With this speed, I could pass of them several times and go ahead through the labyrinth.

I feel lighter and my expression is brighter.

The power of Magic 《Dimension》is so great. However, this may make me more careless.

I gain a very advantageous magic and now I'm in a good mood.

This is a -game like-labyrinth and I walk with high confidence.

However, 30 minutes has passed since I start walking and now I'm in a very bad situation.

Part 3

Though it is not so hot, sweat is dripping from my body. I am out of breath unnaturally.

My hands and feet are heavy like lead, the view on my mind as If I was out of the sea.

All of the symptoms is due the Poison.

When I began to use (Dimension) and approximately 15 minutes passed from the fight with a rank 1 monster was occurred.

It was me who avoid all the monsters, but I was discovered by a monster which did not move accidentally either. The slightly bigger frog which does not move an inch under the debris which I will not understand if I do not use (Dimension). It was a rank 1 and as I saw it was a sleepy monster.

Because the name was big frog and simplicity, I thought that experience level was possible without danger, and I smashed a frog with the sword.

Big frog itself died by the single blow, but the body fluid has attached to my body. My body is tattered, and the one which is important here is that my body has wounded everywhere.

The body fluid of the big frog gets into my wounded body and I fall into (State: Poisoned)

After I confirmed about my state according to the Status, immediately I take out an antidote from the belonging.

However, the poison is not cured.

I confirmed the details of the remaining antidote and noticed the situation.

[Antidote]

—A general antidote. Detoxification succeeds with 5% of probability for the poison cure except that mixed a poisonous attack of "Bee Poison".

Seems like the antidote have a various type.

In other words, according to Indication I the antidote only have 5% of probability to cure the poison.

I decided to use up all antidotes as I don't mind with 5%.

The antidote is no left...... Noooooo, oh crap, fucking crap...!]

The margin time that thanks to (Dimension) is no left anymore.

I'm sweating a lot and I'm losing my physical strength.

I made (ice) and put in my mouth, and there was not an effect which restores my HP although I supply with water.

I confirmed my status once again without standing.

Status

Name: Aikawa Kanami HP17/51 MP61/72 class: - Level 1

strength 1.11 physical strength 1.03 ability 1.01 speed 2.02 wisdom 4.00 magical power 2.01 quality 7.00 state: Confusion 1.09 bleeding 0.21 poison 1.00

—Self-Restored HP is 17 until 30 in 1:00 period.

My life is being reduced by poison in 1 every several minutes, for a feeling of irritation as well as my condition.

My breath is in confusion, and my consciousness becomes dim.

If I let this situation as for now I will die.

I look for the solution by thinking with my head.

I have several as for the plan, but their success probability is low.

I review my choice and decided a plan. I just use more (Dimension) at the expense of my remaining MP.

「─Dimension Magic 《Dimension》!」

I learned by trying it several times. This is kind of many cameras with remote control runs through a corridor as for it.

I just concentrate on a thing leading for a solution while the labyrinth is filled

with characteristic monsters.

In the area where a perception range spread through to 50 times, I find the area with the big difference to a corridor.

The corridor was maintained. The floor is leveled and is coated with a mineral. A light was installed every uniformity interval and was like a totally artificial way.

Around the area, I widen my sense more.

And in a maintained path, I found several human beings walk on the way.

Therefore, I break off Dimension once.

My remaining MP is only one digit left.

(Status)

Name: Kanami Aikawa HP16/51 MP9/72 class:

I found a person.

Besides, I don't expect to find a trouble if I pass with a person.

I remembered about the content of the previous conversation when I was attacked. 「Labyrinth, and more this place is 『The outside of management territory』— Jthat's what he said. So in other words, the path that I had been walking until now is 『The outside of management territory』 so the fight naturally will occur. But the path which I found just now is 『The inside of management territory』 that was maintained, so the fight does not occur over there. I think the possibility is to be high enough. I don't have any choice but to bet on it.

With minimum (Dimension) walk toward the maintained path...!

I rely only on to that direction.

I stop to confirm my losing HP and continue looking for a person.

The antidote that I found is from the corpse body.

Even I receive it or I have to steal it, nothing will not begin if I don't meet with any person.

I moved my foot while letting eyes become bloodshot not to part with

consciousness.

Fortunately, I arrived at maintained path straight without meeting with a monster. However, I don't immediately to call out for a person.

I observe the maintained path carefully and watch the state of human beings from the shade by using (Dimension).

I don't want the same thing happening again.

At first, I eavesdrop on a conversation of man group of 3 whom near the area by using 《Dimension》which using my last MP. With this, the remaining MP is 4.

[Hay—Today how about let's advance to the seventh floor?]

That sounds great. Recently my body is in good condition as well. I think it will be profitable if we just advance until that way.

「I do agree with you as well. It is about time we should explore more and widening the hunting area—」

Men's talk willingly while walking the way.

I understand that exploring labyrinth can gain a profit according to their conversation.

I don't see them as a respectable person. If it is in my world, they give the air appearance to an aggressive look in them.

It will be hard for me to speak with them.

I desire to talk one on one. I prefer a person who is younger, a woman, a goodnatured person is also good.

But, that just too much, it will be nothing if I'm dead now.

The current situation of my HP is decreasing.

I will use the last MP in the critical situation even I scared myself (not until zero but I will save my MP until 1) by using (Dimension).

In approximately 200 meters from here, I found 4 groups of people. If say in game-like words is 4 party.

The first party is, that 3 man before. Next is mixed men and woman as 5

people in the party. And, the silver armored body of 4. The last is 2 girls in the party.

Without hesitation, I go straight for that 2 girls as in 1 party.

Their looks are calm and gentle. I hope they would willing to help me.

But, I have to past of 2 parties who are a group of mixed man and woman and a group of silver armor.

I let out a breath and wait for time to pass.

And I continue to hide until the 2 girls who looks like to be the safest appear, but...

「Oiii—. The person who is hiding over there, you should come out now」
I was noticed by silver armored group plainly.

The mixed group of man and woman didn't notice me, but the silver armored group noticed me who was in the blind spot.

I was called out to, and my heart feels like to pops. However, they are my second priority.

So I gather a courage to make a conversation with them.

I put a one hand sword in the shade and appear to the maintained path carefully.

[Fumu, is he only a theft?]

A tall man is asking.

Looks like the silver armored four people is rich people, unlike the human beings who I met so far.

If I take a look, only 1 girl is among the group. She looks like close to my age and her body as well. And, she is so beautiful. A face which looks like a doll, and shining white silver long hair caught my eyes immediately.

Then I meet her eyes with my eyes. She is taking my interest with the nonsense of reality in her body.

I decided to call out to the other man. I have my eyes on the man who is the

tallest and seems to be respectful.

[I'm not a theft. I have been wounded, So I was taking a rest.]

If you say that you should have been rest in the correct way. not telling lies J

The man is declining me. I feel a little anger from his voice.

Somehow beside the maintained way, there is another place which is suitable to take a rest. I put a caution on caution, but the situation has become turned the opposite of what I'm hoping for.

I was wrong from the start.

I have the reason to not take the rest in correct place. I don't have any malicious intent. Please believe me!

Well, his reaction reacted to my lies.

So he is just angry because of my lie. That's what I thought after I have glanced my eyes with him.

Fumu. It is certainly impossible if you ambush us by yourself.]

To hear my desperate voice, the man softened his faces.

The other man has also.

「Just a kid with himself. What can he do? That's not a problem」

「I think he is lost kid in this labyrinth. Otherwise, he was just a baggage carrier which his party is annihilated 」

Men interpreting it conveniently without permission.

In the first place, I did not seem to be considered a great menace with the looks of me who was tattered.

I'm watching the situation so that a thing does not become worse as possible.

TIt not wise to be afraid of a kid. That's against out chivalry J

「Shut up you Hein. You should pay attention more. I just carry out my duty to make confirmation. How about it, my enthusiasm for work?」

A little air which clowned comes out.

I heard a word [Chivalry], these people might be considered as a goodnatured person. I suggest I can judge by their outfit. It might be now to go now than nothing.

I make up my mind and I'm going to talk about my poisoned body.

「Mmmm, The fact is—」

√—You, Looks like you are interesting one J

However, the girl interrupted me.

The beautiful girl stood near me as soon she interrupted me.

And I was caught by her golden eyes. She is so beautiful and she look at me carefully.

Her companion was surprised her sudden action then they called out to her.

[Eh...Milady, Is there any problem...?]

「Ah...My bad. There is no a problem」

The girl still approaches me while saying so.

I wanted to raise a loud voice. I wanted to shout to not approach me.

However, my throat dries and sticks, so the words won't let out.

[Wa—Wait seconds. Milady please refrain the contact with him!]

One of the men raises a voice.

「Just a little it will be no a problem. Because nothing will happen if I just touch him. Let me talk a bit with him」

[Is that so? but...]

The argument was cut off by the girl, looks like the men understand for her worlds.

The girl who made them shut up, approaches me to the distance that her face and my face is being close together.

「You are really interesting—」

The girl is whisperings which only me be able to hear her.

「─Interesting. Enviable. I really, I really, envy you」

Only in the whisper.

Her low voice made my back chill.

The girl drops her beautiful eyebrows. I understand she seriously envies me with a wistful expression.

There is nobody except me who understand. The other 3 men are just watching over us.

「Excellent, excellent, excellent, excellent, Excellent—」

The girl continues whispering me as if she is cursing me.

I have no left option but to endure it, and she continues muttering with her pretty lips.

Is there anything wrong with you Milady? Or what are you looking at? J One man asked her impatiently.

Taking to respond him, the face of the girl became straight. Instantly her jealousy until a while ago fades away and became such as a doll which expressionless.

And the girl turned toward her companion and makes a smile.

「Yup, it is as you said」

She turned herself innocent even though she just cursed me a while ago.

[] see. So do he has interesting skill?]

「No, It's not like that. But he is suffering due the poison in him. And I intend to give him a treatment with recovery magic」

To think I didn't even talk, I leaked out a words [Eh?]

As if it a lucky day, and like my blood started rotating in my body which was frozen before.

「Ah, I see. It was such a thing」

Then, The really gentle me will help you... J

Then the girl turned back toward me, and she started to chant a magic.

(TL: This is kind of hard for me to translate the chanting, so I just let it be like it was) 「『Naderu Youkou ni Utae』, 『Suku Mizu wa Haboroshi ni, Kaerazu no chi』, 『Ten to Chi wo Kazase』—」

Snow-white light overflows from the hand of the girl, then the light wrapping my body.

Thanks to it, my pain is lessened. I watch my own body be lightened as if it was a lie.

I'm only watching her magic wrapping me. Well, there is no reason to resist since I knew this is a recovery magic.

「─《Full Cure》. Yup, It's done.」

Then the girl made a smile to me.

There is no feeling of the jealousy again in her smile.

And the girl is muttering \(\text{Let's see} \) while checking about my condition again.

「Uhmm— Ehhh...Ohhh... Looks like that [Confusion] of your status is not a bad status. Really interesting. Ah, because it was already late to treat your burnt wound so it will be traced like that 」

The girl nods as having admired. And. to suddenly she said [Confusion].

I confirm my status.

[Status]

Name: Kanami Aikawa HP51/51 MP1/72 class: — Level 1

strength 1.12 physical strength 1.03 Dex1.02 speed 2.02 wisdom 4.00 magical power 2.01 quality 7.00 state: Confusion $1.00 - - \lceil Bleeding \rceil$ and $\lceil Poisoned \rceil$ is gone but $\lceil Confusion \rceil$ is remaining.

Is the girl could see [Indication]also?

It may not be the same thing, but at least, it was already lessened to [Confusion].

Then I only hear her laughs thinly with a cheeky manner.

「Let's meet again, Kanami Aikawa. Ah, by the way, remember my name is Las Tiara」

[Milady, was there anything?]

After the confirming the recovery magic is done, the men are approaching.

「No, there is nothing. Oh, I feel good after helping someone. Well then, there is no time left let's go」

Las Tiara, the girl who gave her name with honorific leave me as if there is no longer worth to talk. Then I speak at once.

Th, Thank you very much... J

That's fine, Someday I will have you to pay me back]

Las Tiara makes a smile as such a carnivorous animal.

Of course, only I can see it.

「Let's meet again boy! Take care」

「Straight to go back」

「Certainly」

The other man is smiling as to respond. Well, unlike Las Tiara I don't feel any insanity from them. They smile as if they accomplished for having protected a weak thing.

Well, as soon as possible I decide to move away from Las Tiara.

「Yes, You saved me. Well then, let's meet again」

As I said so, I advance to the opposite direction where they are going to the maintained path. The man makes sure while waving their hand without question. Well, perhaps the exit is this way then.

I float a fake smile and leave the silvered armor group.

Honestly, I just wanted to escape from Las Tiara.

Even though we are separating away, the girl still looking only at me. Even after parted, the chill on my back still won't go away.

I think it's better for me to take quick steps.

But still after we meet, they are good people.

Even so, the thought of a trauma that my first encounter with a human is I was considered to be a decoy and my foot was cut is still strong. But, mainly thanks to Las Tiara my uneasiness became lessened.

I walk heading to Correct Path which according to their story.

I pass the duo woman party but I didn't need to be called out to them in particular.

If I don't mistake, I certain the way of exit is here. But I'm feeling lost somehow.

I pass many various parties in the way.

By passing them I evaluated them as well with my eyes, I'm glad the problem does not occur.

And, finally after went through of correct path I arrived at the exit.

[I did it...!]

It as if my eyes was burned by the sunlight, the wind is blowing gently, and a good smell unlike inside the labyrinth.

I realized it when I reached the outside.

When I expressed my joy, the man who fixed his position nearly called out to me.

「Oi—oi—, You are too exaggerating」

The man laughed friendly. But, I stiff my body after I saw he is hanging a sword on his waist.

I don't feel any hostility from the man. He is very likely to be a guard who is standing in front of the exit. Appropriate for his clothes is formal.

I drop my thought and control my feelings. And I started to make a conversation with the man slowly.

「Yea, Because I did work hard...」

I choose harmless words and look for the situation.

「Certainly, by judging your clothes I'm surely you were having a hard time huh— Well, you can use the water over there」

The man says so and points out the water with his thumb.

Thank you very much. You are very kind, I will go J

I lowered my head while being delighted in my heart.

No problem, because this is my job as well]

I begin to walk to the direction where the man points out.

Even he said that this was his duty and I don't know how he do in the public, but still I was helped.

I walked to some extent and I found a well.

I was discouraged by the different which I imagined it is modern. But still this helps me.

It did not take me time to do since the well is the same as in my world.

I supply the water to the empty leather bag which was inside my Belonging. Next, I wash my clothes. Just by wiping the mud to some extent, the clothes became clean. I confused whenever I should wash the knife as well or not, since it is smelly I rinsed it in the water.

I thought about the previous man while washing.

Since the passing people are few, the risk to being heard is low as well. The looks and his personality is not bad. Obtain an information from him is a good idea.

I approach the guard after I performed a conversation simulation inside my head.

「You really saved me much, Thank you very much」

「Ah, Well since this place is North Whoseyards and the water is only at the entrance of the labyrinth」

「.....Mm, mm, I see. is there any water besides here?」

TAh, there is in Knight Nation. a one of five countries which clung to the

dungeon]

Mm. As expected, a word that I have never heard about.

To be frank, I wanted to talk about my original world. However, this the world which magic is commonly known. So I think my wish will be not answered. I decided to pretend to know about it and draw out the information.

「You said Whoseyards, is there a place where the money is needed?」

To f course. There are exclusive facilities made for the labyrinth. Why did you ask boy? Is this your first to came this country?

「Yes, it is as you said」

[Well I think it's because recently to coming and going to 5 countries is easy]

That is why could you please tell me about the place where I can get more information? J \(\text{Well, then you should go straight from here until you find an open space in the center. In the center, you will find a map which is drawn in the signboard. From there, you should find a library to get more the information. But I think you should go immediately to Guild Association \(\text{J} \)

[I see, Thank you very much]

I lower my head deeply and thank him.

That's fine because this is my job as well]

The man says that I don't need to be polite while he is stretching his cheeks in embarrassing.

From here the further conversation is not possible anymore. There may be an opportunity to talk with him again in the future since this man who takes care in a various way. As I have no doubt, I part with the man.

Then, See you again J

「Ah, See you again」

After I waved my hand gently to him, I head straight to go to center open space.

While heading there, I look at the surface of the labyrinth.

The labyrinth is so huge and mysterious.

In the mid of its labyrinth pierced through the sky like a tree reaching to the sky, from its root there is old designed building can be seen as well. A jewel which cloudy is sticking to the branch of its gigantic tree looks like flowers which have seven colors as it's seen at the distance.

It can be seen as the blooming flowers. An irregular big one. Possibly the looks like of the blooming flower are the labyrinth.

I'm overwhelmed by the existence which you can only find in the imagination.

The huge labyrinth as if it has its own intention and staring down at me. I feel such a strong solemn pressure.

And, at that moment, I can feel the mysterious sense from it.

I have the feeling that the labyrinth has already known about me and it will always overlook me.

I nodded myself and continue my walk.

I turned my back from the labyrinth, and I begin to walk. I leave the place with quick steps while savoring a joy which I was able to escape from the labyrinth.

I feel like being swallowed once again to the labyrinth if I don't go soon.

Although this is the world which I have never seen before but I did not lose my way.

It is strange as if my path is already been decided. The people here is good looking if think about them without their old-fashioned outfit, hahh...I'm thinking too much. In the edge of the road, there is a clean mineral which seems like a jewel. I found them on the correct path as well, the jewel is lined without breaking off.

Perhaps in this world, the jewel is not valuable things.

I see a house when I continued my walking on such a fantastic path.

A variety of houses made from a tree and a brick. The view of the town was visible like in the kingcraft RPG game. Looks like the culture deviates to the West when in the middle Ages of times.

The people who are walking in the town had a vigor. The people are variety as well. There is a person who wears a cloth like a smock, and a heavy steel armored man which sounding its armor. Their color skin is variety as well. There is appear a person has a figure such as the beast who had a bared sharp tusk. The other is a person who had a long ear and a tail with beautiful fur. This is a fantastic racial.

I feel like I'm lacking a common sense in this world while mixing my common sense from my original world.

At the same time, a hard sound can be heard as its reducing the noise of the people.

It made me feels like there is no one even though there are many people in here. I'm hopeless by being under this wide sky. This feels like when I lost in a department store when I was young.

Certainly, this is not my world. The fact is the scene merciless breaking my common sense now.

I feel dizzy. A sense of my common sense collapses. Though I don't want to admit it but it can't be helped I have to admit it that the scene in front of my eyes is real.

Well, I'm sure this place is...-

[Skill [???] is activated]

For some reason in exchange to my respond, the Confusion gets a revision of +1.00.

ГАh..... J

The Indication is displayed.

I look at [Indication]calmly.

It appeared about the symptom. It was the due of the thought of having irritation and uneasiness.

If I recalled it, this ??? Jappeared according to my uneasiness, this skill helped me calm. Without this skill which helped me calm and concentrate, it would be impossible for me to fight with the huge wolf which I had cut before.

I look surrounding once again.

There is nobody I knew here. Including the building as well.

This is too much of non-reality.

This positive proof of fantastic scene is not my original world.

My wishful thinking of this is just a plan to attract a foreign tourist or this place is an uncivilized land in the earth fall and loose.

─Ah, it can't be helped.

The most important thing now is \[\subseteq \text{What should I do } \]

Nothing is provided by giving up. I gather my thought about the next action in my head calmly.

The first is signboard.

I clap my cheeks and fired up again, I walk with a dignified look in the town.

Fortunately, I'm not really stand out with my appearance since there are many adventures who carrying a sword and overcoat in this town. I found a central open space in the place where I walked for approximately several minutes.

As for the size is as if a domed baseball stadium. A big signboard stood in the center.

There were no people who looked at the signboard. Truthfully, there were no one stopping. It may usually this open space uses for a public event.

In big signboard, a map is written down, and the history of the country is written down as well.

Not far away, an excellent statue stood up. It may be something like a monument of this country.

I intend to memorize all and begin to look at the signboard.

According to the information in the signboard, this country is built for the labyrinth.

Exactly like an allied power which clinging to the labyrinth of five countries sharing and teaching the religion and as full portrait this country is built in order

to capture the labyrinth. According to the religion, your wish will be granted by reaching the deepest part of the labyrinth.

It is an order to clear the condition.

So if I want to return to my original world, I have to clear all 100 levels of the labyrinth.

Then, I continue to read again.

The place where I'm now is at the northern part of the labyrinth, Foods Yards. It's a country centered on respecting the chivalry of great knight and nobility.

The map drawn on the signboard wrote down where of Whoseyards in detail.

Whoseyards is divided by 100 of the domain, and a number is attached to each domain. The more the number is low, it does mean where the high-class noble is living.

By the way, this place's number is 21. There is a downtown if I advance from here to 22, and 20 where a Public Institution is.

Thanks for the information, I decided to leave for the library where it is at 20.

Because it was built to the place where the library is outstanding like the symbol of the town, so I will not a loss.

I enter the building while hiding my uneasiness. Some people in charge confirmed about me but I wasn't stopped.

This building looks like a wooden large European-style. This place is very quiet, well since this is a library it would apply anywhere that has to be quiet. I picked up several books which seem to help me and I sit down near to one of the tables.

However, I have a question for my act when I tried to open the book.

Honestly, I should have don't understand about this world's letter.

「Why? I can read it?」

I muttered.

Due to my noise, the people around glaring at me.

「.....I'm sorry」

With a lower voice, I apologized.

After that, the people begin to read their book again.

In the first place, their looks are strange.

From what I saw if there are a blonde Caucasian, in here there are a people with the beast ear.

And more, the book which I opened is strange. It is the enumeration of a strange letter belonging to neither English nor Japanese if I look at it well. However, I thought that I have just to get know about this world and picked the book up.

The language which is strange is translated in Japanese.

Somehow the words from my mouth are rearranged conveniently.

It may cause of the magic. However, if I put this in my original world way, to perform a brain surgery is necessary.

Just by imagine it, It's very frightening me.

[Skill [???] is activated]

Confusion stabilizing mind in exchange for some feelings gets a revision of +1.00 to Confusion.

−Mm…Again…

The fear is vanish and once again I regain my calm.

It was thanks to Skill [????]. But I have a bad feeling about it.

Seems like the condition of the trigger is depend on my emotional state.

Well, I should try to limit my thought and not being controlled by the strong feeling.

「Hmmm...」

With a deep breath, I became calm.

I understand. Of course, it is not usually my calm. This is an abnormal calm.

No, perhaps it may not a [Calm] but a different thing.

The uneasiness is still left. However, my only option depends on this.

It is clear at a glance by looking at the status, my status of Confusion cannot be stopped.

Status

Name: Kanami Aikawa HP51/51 MP1/72 Class: Level 1

Strength 1.12 physical strength 1.03 ability 1.02 speed 2.02 wisdom 4.00 magical power 2.01 quality 7.00 State: Confusion3.00 It is a point which confusion was cleared up till now. It may due the effect of the skill [????]. However, It's frightening me about my state: Confusion 3.00 according to the [Indication]. This excites my uneasiness.

This is very anxious, but there is no help for it even if I think further.

The thing that I could do now is gain more information by continue to read the book.

I devoted to finding more information about this world, its country, its cultures, and about labyrinth from the books.

Chapter 2: The Labyrinth Allied Nation

Part 1

I was reading the books for several hours.

I knew the basic thing from the books which written down about the history and I was able to grasp the knowledge about occupation and the life of people in this world. I might say the library close to the labyrinth above all and of I was saved thanks to it, because of that there was much information regarding the labyrinth.

I stop the reading and started to hear more story from the person in charge in the Library.

While I was in the middle of reading the book, I asked the person in charge about here and there. I succeeded collecting the information without being doubted in particular.

After that, I left the library and go ahead the way which I heard from the person in charge in the Library and arrived at the facilities called Encashment store.

I take the leather bag out of [Belonging] while preventing to not be seen by anybody then I entered the store.

According to the information that I learned from the library, I cannot found about the things like [Indication] and [Belonging]. Possibly of me who only have this power is high. So I intend to hide about my ability.

Inside the Encashment store, it is comparable to the Antique shop which I knew from my original world. Old things and junk things are scattered all over inside the store.

Then I called out to the plump man who I thought to be the shopkeeper.

[Excuse me. Just a little is ok, would you mind to change this into money?]

I begin to negotiate with careful words.

I intended to negotiate so that I will not be fooled. Changing into money is the purpose while I'm performing the act like Intelligence way. I planned to not take the risk.

Tyes sure. Could you show it to me? J

TYesJ

The shopkeeper coped willingly

[Belonging]

Dried meat, Water bag, Hemostatic, Numbness needle, Rasp, Longsword of Apulia, Leather bag, Leather boots, Cloth, Iron knife, Wooden bow, Unmarked arrow, Lighter, Smartphone, Pebble, Branch, Tenth magic stone, Ninth magic stone.

I'm pretending to take it out from my leather bag which I hung on my waist and took out all of the tenth magic stone to the counter.

TAh, a shallow of the magic stone. It would be one copper coin for each J

[I understand, then please]

It doesn't mean I won't negotiate from the beginning, but I answered him immediately after to hear of his speaking uniformly.

There 12 copper coins. Do you have the certificate? J

「.....No, I don't have it」

Then push your finger here to sign it]

As the shopkeeper said so, I pushed the seal.

I was surprised to be told about a certificate, but it doesn't seem to be essential. When I press my fingerprint on the paper I have a thought How many years ago if it in my original world to use the fingerprint.

「Are you by any chance from the foreign country? To consider you who don't have certificate in possession」

I might think in an awkwardly state to respond his question. The Shopkeeper

seem to doubt me. Then I have to answer magnificently as possible.

「Yes, I came from the far country. I came here because I heard about the rumor of the Labyrinth」

I see, so you are first time to came here, which country are you from? J Ok, it seems good.

However, I feel sorry to steal the things from the corpse body. But, the flow of the conversation decides to get on it since it is not really bad. Then, I choose things which I learned from the library.

Let's set my hometown is a far country. A small country seems a good idea. There should have been a country called Fania.

TIt is really far away from here. Do you know about Fania country? J

From Fania huh. I don't know about the details but I know where it is. I see so you are from the far country. Fania, what kind of country?

Is it because he is so free that caused him curious about me so much? Before it's getting worse, I have to return to the main point.

「Well, nothing in particular. By the way, is there any good lodging around here?」

「Hmm, an inn? There is one, a boarding house in the. Whoseyards But, it's quite expensive.Though, there is nothing cheap in the Whoseyards in the first place.」

[Is that so?]

Looks like Whoseyards is expensive country.

It is as the guard of entrance labyrinth said.

「Apparently, you chose properly to enter the country. Since the Whoseyards is a good country from the first look, it made people who do not know a lot about the allied nation enters this country. Both the scene and its peace are in good order, but the price of everything here is quite expensive by just that much. Since its center for the nobility which called as Knight Nation」

Γ_{I see...} J

I entered the Whoseyards is by coincidence. However, there are merit and also demerit.

He sure said this country is for rich people by rich people.

Thonestly, by you earned a little of the copper coin can hardly find a place to stay and eat the meal as well. Therefore, you will not be able to manage it if you are neither high level nor excellent labyrinth explorer.

To that extent? By the way, how about to compare to other countries?

Not too much different. If compare to other countries it would be overtimes in different. it would be 100 times in different if to compare with the Whoseyards J

[100 times...!?]

It's a country which its people have the gold coin in their possession. I'm sorry, but if you don't have any money you won't be able to find a place to stay for today. You could stay at the outdoor where there is no Magic stone line. Tomorrow I suggest you to go to the Wald. A country which it has bad peace and order, but it is ideal state to explore the labyrinth with several pieces of copper coins a day.].

I don't mind to sleep at the outdoor. But still what will happen to me about the stress is increasing since I consumed my mind a lot. It would drive the Skill ???? Ito meet its condition. I feel it is not a good idea if that skill is increased. There is also a reason which I can't get what is \(\text{Magic Stone Line J}. \)
According to the shopkeeper, I have no option left but to sleep at the outdoor where I have to avoid the magic stone line. However, according to the books from the library is only written as the line of the jewel which transmits a magical power.

In other words, for today means, I'm not able to find more money.

Well, but I appreciate the shopkeeper who treated me kindly to such a beginner like me.

Then, Could please look at my things again? I just want to find out about its the value.

「Uhmm, You still have left? Well, Let me see it all you have」
「Yes I

I went to the outside of the store, and I took out the Longsword of Apulia and the other things from my Belonging and bring them in. I lied to him that the things I got from my acquaintance, but still I was suspected. However, he didn't ask me more. Perhaps, there is an ability or item which is similar to my Belonging in this world.

I leave the things as minimum as I could, and the left is I change them with money.

The result is—

[Belonging]

Revan silver coin Revan copper coin Iron Knife Dried meat Water bag
Hemostatic drug Oil Lighter Smartphone Pebble Branch ——I obtained
approximately ten pieces of valuable silver coins and 100 pieces of copper coins.

The weapon which attached a name and the magic stone which I got from the huge wolf. With only that it valued by 9 silver coins.

☐ Thank you very much. You saved me a lot J

「Not a problem, because you have good things with you. It's a win-win. Well then, take care for yourself, beginner」

After that, I left the Encashment store.

My Belonging is decreased but. With this, I could stay at the Whoseyards.

I move to the cheapest lodging which I learned from the shopkeeper.

And, I borrow one room, since dinner is included, I went ahead to the dining room.

Honestly, the dinner's taste was really bad.

If I compare it to my original world. The dinner didn't have the rice, just a potato and similarly to a bread.

After I finished my dinner, I went back to my room.

This room is a plain one. I can't say this room is clean. However, this room seems to be admitted as a good class in this world.

I learned it with dizziness for the fact.

I take a deep breath no to disturb my mind.

「.....Phew.Tiring」

I fall my body down to the hard bed.

This is my first rest today.

I lessened my mind.

My thought deviates to the normal direction incidentally.

If I think about today, I had so many weird things in the whole day. A question pops up innumerable.

And,

- -I can't stand to not have the answer to my question.
- —What has been happening to me.

Then I began to think deeply about the answer.

I sank deeply into my thought. The answer appeared blankly.

-Ah, What I'm doing?

After I opened my eyes, I was attacked by the monster, there is a magic as well, which made all of this world kind of the RPG game. I was fooled. I was bleeding, and I did almost die. I picked up things from the corpse body like a bandit. I didn't get it. I didn't get it what this means. Just what is this world? Where's, my world? Where is my family? Even though I don't have parents, but I still have a little sister. Did my existence in my original world disappear? Then is my little sister just alone by herself? I can't let this out. I absolutely have to go back. To wake up my little sister in the morning and make her breakfast. I have to get out from this world. Indication and Magic Game like status. It is a system which reflected my thought. How much my brain has tampered? I scared. This is too scary. Unbelievable things and also unbelievably convenient. Don't joke with me. Just what would happen to me? Don't joke with me, don't joke with me. Shiiiit...

Ah my stomach, Arrghhhh, arghhhhhh—!!

[Skill [????] is activated]

Confusion stabilizing mind in exchange for some feelings gets a revision of +1.00 to confusion.

The Indication lis displayed.

The blaze which was inside my head in an instant it was died down.

I did it again.

But, I already used it. I can't be helped with the thing which exercised it.

I push forward about the present and grasp calmly.

I will do my best.

I repeat it again and again and decided to do the thing which I could.

Then the important thing now is to rest my body.

I will get absolutely nothing if I die.

I rest my exhausted brain.

I set my position to sleep.

I lose my consciousness to the bottom of my mind.

Seems like I will not having a dream at all.

Then, I was wrapped by the uneasiness and darkness.

It's a jet-black world.

A few hours at the time. But, in my sensory feel like it is a few seconds.

Then I fall in sleep.

Part 2

But, the world wasn't easy to me.

[Hey, wake up!!!]

All the jam-packed air in my lungs is spat out.

My stomach feels like it was crushed and I wake with a pain.

[Hey.....come on quickly, quickly wake up!]

I heard a voice.

A highly childish voice.

If I'm not a mistake, this voice is...

「Uhm.....hmm......You are」 My eyes opened and confirmed the owner of the voice.

I don't believe it.

[I brought good things with me so quickly get up!]

The owner of the voice is Lastiara who I came across in the labyrinth before.

Her appearance is not with an armor but she wear rough white silk clothes.

Seem like my stomach was pushed tightly by this girl, Lastiara. She came across the top of my stomach and she is looking down at me.

I couldn't catch up with this sudden event. However, originally because I don't know about what happen so I try to talk to her calmly.

This is my room...]

First of all, let's start about trespassing. By the way. I don't know whether there is such a law in this world.

After I looked carefully it is still dark on the outside of the window. It seems of a late-night visit.

She clap her hand while still on my stomach and says

「Ohhh, Ohhhh...Amazing. To not be surprised on this condition」
「I was surprised. It's just my thought is still not catch up the situation yet」
I spoke to her in politest manner.

She looks mysterious, but the only thing I understand about her is she might a young lady from the upper class after I met her in the labyrinth.

「Is that so? No, I have thought whatever you are in trouble so I came. Since your level is still level 1 it made me interested. It made me curious」

Lastiara said it happily.

Her tone sounds like a young lady disappeared and becomes an easy tone which I can call her a joke friend of the same age. However, it doesn't mean I respond to her with the cheerful expression.

Her happy eye is scary. It made me became uneasiness by her both eyes.

Tyou are the one who could see someone's level, aren't you? J

In correspondence, I chose my words carefully. By the way, in this world 「Level_is commonly known. There were descriptions about level and status in the book which I read in the library. And, it was written only a chosen human could see in details about someone's level.

Tyup, in this world the people who have this ability are lucky people. The rests are the religious people who obtained it after long ascetic practices. As in the Public Institution today, the priest who are taking care for leveling up is the new generation. By the way, I'm the previous generation.

Lastiara is telling me about the things that I wanted to know without hesitation. That's natural since I'm still inexperienced in this world. And, I'm getting used to using the word \lceil In this world \rfloor

I hold my breath with a surprise.

「......I didn't know about that, Thank you for telling me. But, I don't know your intention. Since I know nothing about you, I will call people to come here」

「Wait, wait. That will be put me into trouble. I told you I came here to help you, didn't I? I came here in order to raise your level」

An overreaction with both her hands, Lastiara intended a good will.

「I decline. Since I already know about how to raise the level in the Church according to the Library」

I declined her coldly.

I don't want to be treated by such a suspicious individual. Because Level Up is really important to me.

「Eh, Ehhhhー?」

Lastiara depressed by my words.

That's why please get out from here J

「Hey, normally it would be more like...this...and this. But your reaction is too light. Hmmm...」

Lastiara timidly muttered. Looks like she didn't expect for my correspondence.

Still I already decided to raise my level.

But, Lastiara seems decided on something while putting up the face and watching me.

「──Okays. Then I have to force you」

Then she floats a first good smile today.

I look into her eyes. With nothing, I could change it. A scary deep golden eyes.

Scary! She is scary like a monster. I don't feel any warmth from her which I felt it anymore. It made her looks like the merciless God sentencing with cold eyes.

I let my body up and draw back in fear and escape from the bed.

Lastiara is chanting on something.

[Imikirau Habako] [Oto no nai sora] [Furuwanai uta] [Suki Sura U] —]

Lastiara chants a magic while waving her hand like a conductor.

I head the exit at full speed. In order to call for help, first I have to get out from here.

And, I reached the doorknob, but it won't move an inch.

The doorknob emitting a light, it is wrapped by a magic. Then I realized her chants intended to shut me in here.

I have no choice to raise my voice to call for help while knocking on the door.

「Someone, please help me!!」

[Well it is soundproofing, so shall I have you to behave yourself?]

Lastiara approached my back suddenly and patted my throat from behind.

I dispelled her hand immediately, but I noticed my throat begins to emit a heliotrope light. A magic which was similar to the doorknob has been submitted to my voice.

I couldn't let out a voice.

Lastiara confirmed my situation, and her hands approaching again to my neck, I prepared for the worst and reached her hands. I put a power and I intended to turn myself to the Lastiara's back.

At that moment, I was thrown out.

I see a parietal area around Lastiara. And, I understood. I was thrown out by her back of hands. I can't believe it was a strength of a girl who around 50 kilos in weight.

I try to calm my mind and concentrate. I determined to not swallowed by the mysterious fact.

I barely hit the ceiling and I grounded to the floor. Luckily that just effected a shock to my right hand and foots. While I letting my face being wrapped by the shock, Lastiara is approaching me.

I took out a knife from [Belonging] and Lastiara is a bit astonished. However, she smile wryly and stretched out her hands as if there was nothing.

I wasn't able to move. This must be because my conscience has braked out to respond which my act to cut a girl with a knife. I was just trying to easy going. However, I show her only a swing of the knife while I'm taking a water bag from my [Belonging]

I swat a water bag to her and wait for Lastiara's action whatever to expect from my counter attack. That way, my knife was repelled with fearfully fast movement and it cuts my leg.

And, she touched my head while chanting on something.

The emission of light looks like a heliotrope comes into my mind, and my body won't move.

「Uhm—Your defensive is good, Your judgment is also good. Amazing. It made me don't believe you are still at Level 1」

It was me who are at the difficult state, but she seems to admire me.

I was overwhelmed from the bottom of my heart, and she continues the talking.

「So this is the [A numeral which doesn't appear in numerical value]. No—Amazing, amazing. Your strength and also agility is tenth times of mine, so that's why you were able to take the defense to that extent. Your magic is ominous as well]

I couldn't answer anything. Because my body is still under the spell.

I can't help it but feel uneasiness in this situation.

「.....You don't have to worry. You may don't believe in me. But I don't have any evil intention. I just want to raise your level. Believe me!」

By saying so, Lastiara picked up an old book while pressing on my back with her breast.

「Hmm...The chants for level up, I'm sure this one... 『Nanji, Katsumokushi Kaerimiyo—』

Lastiara begins her chant.

A light appeared between me and Lastiara, the whole room is wrapped by its light.

And the magic was over immediately.

I don't look Lastiara is lying, so my level has been up.

「Since you are my important [Candidate], I will be troubled for letting you wondering with level 1. And I afraid you will die if you let your status low. I'm worrying about you. But with this, It made me feel relief」

Then Lastiara wiped a one sweat on her forehead while I'm thinking the task is still not finished yet. And, she move to the near window and say a goodbye with politeness.

「Well then, to avoid the scary people who are looking for me, I have to take my leave」

She elegantly parted me by flew away from the window.

By the way, my body is still won't move.

After I see Lastiara left, I confirm my status.

(Status)

Name: Kanami Aikawa HP119/121 MP71/141 Class: - Level 4

Strenth3.03 Vitality3.15 Dex4.07 Speed5.05 Wisdom6.09 Magic8.08

Qualities 7.00 State: Confusion 3.99

Experience: 127/800

[Bonus Point] 3 points is available.

[Skill Point] 3 points is available.

There is no mistake, my level has been up.

She was right, she didn't have any evil intention. However, she is over egotist. She is sure the one who cannot read the atmosphere of the situation.

I'm thinking about it while on a cold floor.

Rather because I cannot move, and still like this way while on it, I'm considering about my status.

I made a trial and error with the bonus point and the skill point.

Looks like the bonus point is to raise the strength, vitality, etc. As for the skill point is to raise the skill to perform.

Anyway, I spent my bonus point to raise my HP because I don't want to die.

This is the point of efficiency to raise the strength which raises the HP if this was a game. By the way, my maximum HP became 151 because it was valued 1 point as 10 HP.

I added only 1 to Dimension Magic for the skill point. By the changed it became Dimension Magic 5.05+0.10. Then after I added 1 skill point to Dimension, My left point is 2.

I'm sure the status and magic are important things in the life of this world. There is a possibility to obtain a new magic. I should avoid the useless waste.

I'm satisfied with having strengthened my point.

Then the time was passed as such. However, my body is still won't move.

Γ.....

Even though I already spent much money, I was made to sleep on the cold floor in the end.

In this way, my first day in the different world is finished.

Part 3

[Status]

Name: Kanami Aikawa HP151/151 MP141/141 Class: - Level 4

Strength3.03 Vitality3.15 Dex4.07 Speed5.05 Wisdom6.09 Magic Power8.08

Quality: 7.00 State: Confusion4.29

Experience: 127/800

[Skill]

Original Skill: Sword1.01 Freezing Magic2.02 Acquired Skills: Dimension

Magic5.05+0.10

???:???

???:???

[Magic]

Freezing Magic: Freeze1.00 Ice1.01 Dimension Magic: Dimension

Part 4

The next day.

I became able to move my body again when I woke up. I was afraid whether I could move my body again or not.

According to the plan that I decided, today I'm going to go to Varte.

Since I asked about the information of the way to reach Varte, I will be not lost.

Although I resolved to take a long journey to get Varte, but I arrived at the border during the morning. Because the countries clinging to the labyrinth, so the distance between five countries is not really that far.

This was easy to passing the border because there was not such a border passing procedure. I was curious and understood how they manage the people who are come in and go out from the border, seems like it has to do something with [Magic Stone Line]

I walked a bit to see the Varte, and I was able to understand the difference between Varte and Whoseyards.

The difference is about the gap between poverty and wealth is can be seen.

Almost all of the people here have a standing out of figure as dungeon explorer. Looks like all of the people here is ready to fight for living since they are having a knife with them.

I arrived at the new country, and I already decided my purpose to come here.

My first goal is to return to my original world.

I will die for sure if I stay long in such a dangerous world. And also I left my sister alone in my original world, I should return immediately.

However, the hint of return is really little.

The hint is according to the legend I have no option but to challenge the labyrinth which could granted any wish. If it is a game it might acceptable, but

this is the reality.

The left is, I'm looking for another research about culture and magic which could bring me back to my original world. This might my wishful thinking. However, I did find nothing from the library.

As the matter, for now, to researching and capturing the labyrinth, I need money.

It will be cost me copper coins to have a meal and stay at the inn. And also, it will be cost me various tools and weapon to capturing the labyrinth.

In other words, money, money and money. So, I can't do anything without the money.

For that I decided——

「Oo−ii, freshman. after you finished dish-washing, go throw away the garbage」

TYesJ

—Then I started part time job in the Bar.

Honestly, I don't want to go to the labyrinth again. I don't want to see anything about the inside again.

I'm thinking so from my heart.

Honestly, it would be faster to gather the money from the labyrinth. But me now, I scared to enter the labyrinth again. If possible, my real intention is to take a rest from entering the labyrinth.

That's why, after I wondered and I found about recruiting an employee in the bar. The requirement is only interview and trial. I passed the interview after strengthened my lies. And also, I wasn't asked about my identification.

I was surprised to go well about part time job in this world. Well, it is different to compare with my country which is still recessing until now.

By the way, I have experience about work in a restaurant in my original world. That's why I have confidence in my cooking. I did think deeply about it. However, since this bar is close to the labyrinth I got sufficient information regarding the

Iabyrinth.

\[\Gamma \text{Sieg, please clean this up-} \]

\[\Gamma \text{Yes!!} \]

Sieg.

I scared to use my real name so I used the false name. There is a possibility if I used my real name, the information about me will be leaked out to the Lastiara.

Siegfried Visitor.

It came out a western style name. In the game, you may laugh about my false name. First of all, I attached the name of the famous hero while insisting I came from the outside.

There is a possibility there may be a people who came from my world in this world. And, I have to use the famous name in order to be noticed by my fellow countrymen.

If it is Siegfried of "Nibelungenlied", I may be noticed by the people beside Japanese as well. Therefore, it is important to use a famous name which never exist in this world. That will be cleared to use the name [Siegfried]. But, it will unusual for the resident of this world.

—Well I mean this is my limit to think about the name. Honestly, I cannot deny that I have been tempted by the coolness of the name. With a name of the country and the religion name as the name, I thought that I should have used the President name of the famous country, but I cannot change my name already that the people here have taken my name as Siegfried.

「Quickly, Siegfried!」

[I'm sorry! Right away!]

The long ear Ryiin who is the poster girl of this bar blames me because I stop doing my work.

Now is dinner time which is the busiest time.

The Labyrinth explorers are filling their stomach here. The atmosphere of liveliness, loud and bustle.

I'm doing my work while gathering the information regarding the Labyrinth.

[Hehe, I was able to earn a lot today]

「Yeah, We were cold sweated by encountered a bunch of group soldiers Ant, but the result is satisfying 」

「Nah, because we were in luck. It was dangerous but we were able to return safely」

「Yeah, the end of the result」

The customers are talking about their stories in the Labyrinth. I learned greatly useful information thanks to them.

I'm keeping the others conversation with (Dimension) while wiping the dirtied table.

Tyo. Are you the freshmen here, boy? did the previous server already quit? J

There are a lot of people talking to me while I was on the way of doing my work.

Unlike in my original world, the restaurant of this world is friendly.

「Yes, My name is Sieg. I just started to work here. I heard the previous server already quit」

The man whom I talked is laughing cheerfully.

「Is it bad to part-time with low paid?」The manager interrupted the man and the man is laughing at the manager.

The balance power in this bar is special. I heard many times the manager was the famous of Labyrinth explorer. The customer is nothing against to the manager. The angry shout of the customers could be shut off many times.

That's why thanks to the manager, near the labyrinth a bar has been built.

For example, if the customer made fun of Ryin or me, the manager would come to help us.

Though in the short time, the manager is a trustworthy person.

But regarding the management of this bar, the manager couldn't be trusted since the manager accepted me right away.

Floy how much you will be paid? There are so many annoying customers here you know? Including me.

No, everyone is good natured people. I'm comforted to working here

Tho—Seems like you already get used to it. Unlike the previous server, You are so polite.

Thank You very much J

「Well, But too polite is not also good...Take it easy boy」

The man claps my shoulder pop.

Then a louder voice is heard.

「Oiii, Corvus! Until when you want to bother him? Don't' mess up with our freshman or I will beat you up!」 Looks like the manager and Corvus is an acquaintance and the manager line's is scary.

Then I will take your plate and return to work J

[Hehe...I had enough with the manager so please spare me]

Corvus out up one hand and nodded.

I quickly returned to the kitchen.

I brought many plates to the kitchen.

Because my work is to wash the dish.

Starting from the evening until the late of the night.

It was hard but thanks to my experience I could manage it.

And it was more efficient that I was able to push forward things since I developed the 《Dimension》

Then my first day is over in this way.

The night grows and the explorers return to their home little by little.

The manager comes out of the kitchen at the same time as the last customer

left the bar.

「Hah─ Finally it's over. Hey, freshman. How was your first day?」

TWe did have so many customers, It was worth doing this job J

I appeal a lot of my remaining stamina while cleaning up the floor. Well, I will be desperate if the talented person is usable here since I depend on my strength.

「What an impertinent boy. Looks like with that body of yours, you could take the shift for tomorrow as well」

[Eh? Just now did I do something?]

「No, You didn't. Well, how to put it. I guess your polite words could be heard as impertinent」

[Certainly, I was told that I was too formal...]

Perhaps there is a culture gap in this different world. To not give discomfort, I intended to talk with polite, but it unusually being used in this world.

It is necessary to change some point of view.

Corvus said the right things, then let's aim the style of the frank server.

「Well, don't overdo it. Be used little by little. Since I will expect you to work in the kitchen as well」

「Eh? Sieg is going to take the kitchen tool?」

To hear the word kitchen, Ryin approaches me while shaking her brown long plaits.

「Ah, I think I'm going to let him take the kitchen as well. I examined him before, he holds the knife really well and his skill for cooking is really good. Looks like he has long experience to work in the kitchen」

That is why he passed, isn't he? J

In addition, he could speak politely to the customer, so I have no reason to not accept him.

But it's still strange to let me work without I could explain well about my identity.

But I just stand and didn't let out my thought to them.

「You are right, I also don't really have anything to teach him anymore」

「Right? My eyes are perfect to look at someone qualities. Then, I will return to the back. The rest I will leave it to you」

[Yes!]

The manager said so and went to the kitchen in order to clean it up.

「Good for you Sieg. You need the money right away, don't you?」

「Yes, It was saved me a lot. But, don't expect me too much since my hometown is really different to compare here」

I set up a precaution because I will be troubled if I was expected too much.

TAh, from a really far country, aren't you? I'm sure the country is......]

「It's Fania」

「Ya ya, Fania. I have never heard of it. Fania. So you are really coming from the far country」

Tyes, I have a dream to challenge the Labyrinth, but my state is like this. I showed her the burnt wound in my neck.

From rural area to have dream get a lot of money in the Labyrinth, but in one day I was beaten up like this. That is what I set up for my stories to them.

「Urggh—That's looks painful. But still good for you. Your arms and eyes still attached to you. You will not die to work in here」

Ryin said scary things lightly.

Well, my point of view is different, I could see various things while working in this bar since this bar is located at where the first line to capture the Labyrinth. Though the things were dangerous.

First of all, I don't have to worry about the meal by working in here J

「Yup, yup, you may work in here. This older sister is also supporting you. You are absolutely politer than the previous server, I'm glad」

Seems like Ryin have a good impression about me somehow. However, the

difference of the manners is reflected on your education backgrounds, as the large part thanks to the 《Dimension》I could learn many things. I feel embarrassed a little because it made me looks like work with a sly trick.

Let I do my best. Very well then, I'm going to clean up the table J

「Yup, I will help you」

If the putting order in the shop was finished, I'm going to talk with the manager about the contract details. Since the bar has not enough hands, I was told that I will be treated well, but still there might things which I should decline, so I have to understand the contract details. The part-time job is only meant for me and the important things to try various things now.

「Ah—It's over— Sieg, the last thing to do is lock the door of the entrance」
「Okay」

Ryin gave me the last instruction and walked to the back.

I go to the entrance door like I was told to do to lock the door.

Then, I noticed a someone.

I used the (Dimension) to look at it.

Looks like there is someone in front of the bar. I confirm again with my remaining MP.

「Status, It's not good... Magic 《Dimension • Multiple Development》」

I used my remaining MP and picked up the information from the inside.

By the way, this 《Dimension Multiple Development》is derivation magic of 《Dimension》. I increased the consumption of MP and only enlarged the area, but it was plain and changed the name from normal 《Dimension》

There is an effect that the exhilaration is increased when using it depend on the longer its name.

There is a big bulletin board at outside of the bar. Apparently in the outside, a teenager who looks like about the same as me wearing a hood while crouching down.

I was curious and go to the outside.

In the outside, a white grain is raining. It was a beautiful scene.

By the way, this white grain is called Teare Ray, and my world's snow seems to be another thing. Not snow crystal falling in winter, but the crystal of the magical power that piled up falls in the sky.

Although I learned this in the Library, I don't understand the details.

The teenager lets the Teare Ray pile up on her hood while crouching down.

I try to call out to her.

[Hey, are you awake?]

The girl's face which covered by her hood is looking at this way.

My eyes match her eyes which opened wide in surprise.

The teenager is actually a girl.

Her golden hair spills out from the hood which she is wearing and She raised her face. Her hair is can be seen as if warm sunlight, and her hair is long. Slightly her big blue eyes are impressive and she have an innocent sexless look.

The girl watched me and stood up.

Even she is about the same age as me, her back is smaller than me. She is a little girl.

I greet her as the worker here.

[I'm glad you are still awake, but the bar is already closed...]

「.....Is it prohibited if I stay here?」

The girl answered me curtly.

「Yes, as long you don't do any weird things. Maybe」

[Is that so? Then let me stay at here. Just tell me if I bothered you]

The girl said so and sits down.

The girl was doing manly argument without matching her face.

TNo, it is not like that. Since this already midnight, it will be dangerous to let a

girl alone stay here J

Γ.....ι

I may say meddlesome things without knowing her circumstances. However, this is the common sense from my original world.

[Please go to the place somewhere you able to stay—]

I don't have any money. I'm just taking the warmth in front of the bar here J

The girl cuts off my words slashingly.

Then there is nothing I can say to her.

It cannot be helped that I have to close the bar. However, I worry about her to sleep at outside.

「So, then I will close the door」

Γ......

However, I'm not doing things which can be say angry the other girl.

It is just I don't have any spare time anymore.

I returned to the bar and I closed the door.

TBy the way, I'm not a little girl. Don't worry about me J

I heard her voice through the closed door.

No, sounds like a boy. Looks life I don't have to worry since he is the man.

I finished closing the bar while being surprised at the fact.

I don't know whether it was a lie or not. However, it's useless to further think about it.

I begin to walk to the back of the bar where the manager is waiting.

I shake off the sexless beautiful face which I just meet, and I begin to talk to the manager about the contract.

In the end, it was just a small things compare to my world's contract.

First of all, I will be tested by daily employment in a various way. Seems like the salary can be changed depending on the result of profit. Then for today, I was

given approximately ten pieces of copper coins.

Moreover, I have the meals and I was told that to be allowed to stay on the corner of the bar.

I was surprised by the good offer.

On the contrary, I gave a frank respond. It will be unsafe to let a suspicious individual like me stay here, but the persistent manager has the confidence to his eyes.

Ryin said that \(\Gamma\) If you did something bad, your face will be broken and caught to the Magic stone Line immediately \(\Looks\) Looks like the \(\Gamma\) Magic stone line \(\Gamma\) is the guard and the crime prevention. It might be a treatment.

In that way, I could be wrapped up in blanket properly now in the place with the roof.

To compare to the girl who I meet earlier is like between heaven and hell.

「Status, Skill」

I'm trying the [Indication] in various ways by the corner of the bar.

I design a plan calmly while looking for new ability.

—I could expect a constant income, and fret moderated. The skill ? ? ? ? Which triggered by the uneasiness feelings and confusion toward this world is not felt today.

In order to return to my original world, I just have to take a step by step.

I was told, It's fine to work at only night..... From tomorrow morning until afternoon I shall gather information of the town...]

For the first I have to collect information and understand the common sense of this world. I may challenge the Labyrinth after I could manage the Indication and Magic.

Also, after I prepared the tool and the equipment. I continue making trial and error in the Indication until I fell asleep.

The second day in the different world passed peacefully in this way.

Part 5

If I caused an Industrial revolution, I may be able to clear the Labyrinth immediately.

It was me who hit on such a thing after having thought for last night in various ways.

In this world, the people are showing their strength because it's important. It is interesting to clear the labyrinth using technology (machine), not magic which opposes to the culture of this world. However, neither I don't have such a time nor an acquaintance. In the first place, judging by a physical law, the people doubt whether it can be applied in this life. Still I intend to try it someday, but the story is I don't have much money.

No, I encounter the financial problem again....then I go to the town for a walk.

Whatever the world is the money still needed by the people.

I confirmed the culture of this world endlessly while visiting public institutions. I have visited the others weapon shop and the second-hand shop as well. There was a shop for magicians called the Magic stone shop, but all the shops are too expensive and outside of my financials range. Even though I intended to gather the information, but I feel like tourism here.

The time passed in this way, and it is my time to work in the bar now.

I handle the same duty like yesterday.

The work contents are not really changed, but it doesn't mean all of it are the same.

There is a new thing that I learned in the [Indication]

I tried to apply the abilities [Observe] which I could see the information when I faced a monster on a person, and I succeed to see the person's Information.

For example, I apply on a person with [Observe]

[Status]

Name: Alvin Curzon HP165/172 MP0/0 Class: Swordsman Level 11

Strength 6.72 Vitality4.54 Dex2.01 Speed1.78 Wisdom1.32 Magical Power 0.00 Quality 0.67

The indication about the tall man Alvin is displayed.

This is no privacy at all. However, this is unexpectedly fun.

The situation now I'm confirming the information of all the visitor while visiting another store.

Well, I have no reason to stop observing the information of all the people.

I found that there was a condition to using the Indication Ion people.

With a feeling of wanted to know the name, level, and skill on the particular person, the Indication of the person will be displayed.

[Status]

Name: Alvin Curzon Level 11 Original Skill: Sewing1.10 Skills: Sword1.23

This man has a sewing skill. I laugh slightly while looking that big body of him.

In this way, I continue to observe other people.

On the way of I'm doing observe, I saw a familiar face.

It was the little girl whom I met yesterday.

The girl covered her face with the hood, but I knew her immediately because I used 《Dimension》 in my spare time.

She ordered a light meal in her seat.

Looks like Ryiin is taking her order. Because I'm still in the middle of work, first of all, I just use my [Observe] on her.

[Status]

Diablo • Cis

Magic Blessing 3.78 God divine protection 3.07 Condemnation 2.00 Concentration 2.02

Element magic2.09 Capture2.00 Survival2.23 Aim2.02

Skill: Sword0.09

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「Heh?」

I became speechless.

I looked many statuses from this morning, but this is my first time to saw others people status to this extent.

All the people whom I observed, commonly they have one or two skills. It may be said for the expert explorer have 3 skills. And their point is within 0.00 to 2.00, I never saw anyone like me who have 3.00 point above.

But this youngster has 9 skills and high point.

Err, what the hell?

[Hey, don't space out! The manager is dishwashing in the back!]

Ryin scolded me.

[Y, yes!]

Apparently the kitchen became busier. Then I moved to the back.

And I handle the work while shrinking the dirty plates which was collected in the kitchen.

In the middle of doing my work, I'm curious about that youngster, Diablo. The youngster's status is such like a joke in this world. If I think in the game's perspective, that youngster is more likely has an important role in this world.

Or the circumstances similar to me. I decided, I want to talk to that youngster and give my opportunity to self-introduction.

When I'm thinking about to build the conversation inside my head while dishwashing, a loud voice broke out from the seat at the table of the bar.

Originally the bar is always noisy. However, I go to look at the situation since I heard the Diablo's voice that I heard yesterday.

[Hahaha, who want to perform a party with a brat like you and still level 1, I will be troubled if you died right away.]

A man is laughing aloud.

Then the people became to crowd.

「My level is surely low, but I'm confident to use the sword and I can use the simple magic a little」

The youngster is arguing with soprano voice to the man.

The youngster of golden hair. I was puzzled a little but seems like Diablo is reliable. Yesterday, he has a long hair and now he has the short hair. My impression of him is really different from yesterday. Now, He can be seen as the sexless good-looking boy.

Then the sitting women next to him, join to their conversation.

「Ah—, It surely amazing by being able to use Magic. But, level 1 is still not enough for such a brat like you. Normally it's impossible. To normal life, your parent has to guide you to the level 3. However, if you are still level 1 means you have never faced hardship until now, haven't you? what a spoiled brat」

「Kuhh!」

Diablo lost words to answer the woman.

That's right, It's impossible for level 1. Hahaha, contrary it is more difficult to find a level 1! Ahahahaha]

The man is making fun of Diablo with his words for some reason and he is enjoying it.

I was hurt since until recently I was level 1 as well.

「Sh, shut up! Don't take me lightly! I can fight with my low level!」

Then the offended Diablo grabs the man. The man easily dodged it and repeat his insult. Diablo acted violently like a kid.

There is no one to try to stop their argument. The usual me, I will just ignore them like always. However, I have a different point of view. This Diablo has promising future.

I expect Diablo is the talented person who could gain profit in the future.

He is just still unpolished. Since the Diablo is still level 1, he cannot match the

man probably. Then, I intend to sell my favor to her while approaching them.

However, Ryin shut them up first before me.

「Yes, yes, that's enough. If you just wanted to play just go back already. It's not like an adult to play against a kid」

Ryin astonished the people around her, apparently she is already getting used to it.

「Oi oi, We were just looking for an explorer. But, this kid didn't meet the condition so I'm as senior just trying to teach him a lesson」

Then, That's already plenty, isn't it? And you too, stop it!]

Ryin separates Diablo with the man while saying so.

「Damn」

There would be nothing if Diablo fought further. Then Diablo paid the bill and leave the bar.

There will be no one who want to form a party with you!

The man is talking badly about Diablo in his back. However, Ryin is not stopping him. Including Ryin, all of the people here have the same opinion. Diablo clicked his tongue and left the bar.

I chant a magic in a low voice at once. I pour most MP and enlarge my magic (Dimension). And I chase Diablo with my (Dimension).

I don't intend to let you go. Since he is really talented who can help me to challenge the Labyrinth in the future.

「Ye—S, then everyone returns to your seat. Sieg, don't look and go back to your work」

「Ah, Yes」

I return to my work while using (Dimension) on Diablo.

The rest is I do the same work like yesterday, and the bar becomes time for closing afterward.

Part 6

I confirmed the trace of Diablo who entered the Labyrinth with using (Dimension). But, I knew the result already, Diablo came out with crumbled appearance immediately.

After closing the bar, I performed a basic grinding and gave the manager a light meal. I just served it and put it on the table of the bar.

And I went to look for Diablo in my next schedule.

I used up my last MP and caught up to Diablo while crouching down in the back of the alley.

[I'm hungry]

Apparently he is depressed for hunger.

「Ah, We met again」

I call out to Diablo while posing as coincidence.

You are, the worker of the bar...?]

Tyup. You have no money for today as well? J

「As you can see, I'm troubled with a thing to eat」

Diablo shrugs while sneering at himself.

「......I was just right. This is the remaining dish. Do you want to eat it?」

The remaining dish?

Seems I was suspected only a little. I return to the lines which I have been prepared.

I set up a story, after closing the bar, I practiced the cook in the bar. Well, the failure dish that's what I told her.

「Ah, is that so? But, is this fine? I don't really feel good for having you shared me this much......」

 ΓIn fact, I was present when you caused the uproar today. Though as the

worker there, I should have separated you but I was coward. So as for my apologies, I have to do something for you]

「Ah, you saw me. I don't mind about it anymore.But, I will take the meal. I will take everything from anyone who gave me something」

The Diablo said so and stand up.

He might have a little doubt about me, but seems he be able to catch with the food well.

We come back to the bar while having a light conversation and begin to have a meal with only us.

The Diablo was surprised to taste my delicious cooking. The culture of this world may not advance very much regarding the cooking.

「It's delicious.By the way, you look like have an experienced to the Labyrinth. I heard from the woman worker」

「Well, yeah」

Sometimes I was swallowed by work during the work. He asked the Ryin because he saw my burnt wound.

「Until where have you go?」

He has the interest regarding the Labyrinth. Naturally the conversation is running well.

I chose my words carefully and not to get impatient.

「I challenged the Labyrinth alone and severed serious injury myself. Since then, I survived」

[You were solo?]

The Diablo smiles. I found the same reason to laugh as well.

「Because I don't have any companion」

「I see…」

I watch the Diablo's expression carefully. I'm expecting his respond.

I talk about my knowledge regarding the Labyrinth, level, and status.

I repeated my story a little and drew long-awaited words from Diablo.

They...If you are fine with me, do you want to go to the labyrinth with me? J

The Diablo invites me.

I was about to invite him if he took too long. I received the invitation from Diablo without hesitation.

「Well, that's not bad. Our difference of power is not really that different. And it's good to help each other」

[Is that so? Thank You!]

「But, I have to go work in this bar at night. So, I would be able to help you in the morning」

「No, That's fine. No problem. You saved me!」

Diablo continue thanking me with a smile on his face.

My impression seems he had a lot of trouble for looking a companion. I don't intend to ask any further and I take the victory pose in my heart. Naturally, a cooperation is the form of selling favor. If he knew a lot about this world, it became easy for me.

Well then, let's get started from tomorrow morning!? J

「Sure, I have no problem. My name is Siegfried • Visitor. Just call me Sieg」

[I understand. My name is Dia. No family name. Just Dia]

Finally, we finished self-introduction.

There was no reaction after heard my name. I expected him a little that he came from my original world.

And his name is different. According to the Indication his name is Diablo. Sith, there is a family name attached to him. But I don't look Dia is lying. Possibly, there is a possibility that he is taking his display name for the future.

This game-like Indication has a pit.

Fehehel

Dia is joyfully by being my companion.

As for his expression, several times he looks a like cute girl. In my opinion, He doesn't look like a man. I try to confirm with my Indication about his gender, but It wasn't written about the gender.

Well, it has nothing to do with his gender since it is not related to the Labyrinth. So I stop thinking about his gender.

Then, I will be in your care, Dia J

「Ouuuu!」

[Party]

Diablo • Sith is joined to the party.

After being thanked for my cooking, I part with her with a smile. He said that he is homeless, so I didn't know what I should do to him. Just to let him in after the bar is closed is already not good, I cannot do further than this.

I'm thinking in the corner of the bar about tomorrow.

I feel asleep while thinking about a strategy to go the Labyrinth with Dia.

Part 7

I wake up early in the morning to go out shopping to buy necessities. My sleeping hours is decreasing lately, but I'm getting used to it.

I still have plenty of time before my meeting with Dia. We've decided to meet at the Church. So I'm going there now.

Inside, I can see a Priest reading something like a bible and a lot of people are praying. Among them, I can see Dia.

In this world, a lot of people are worshipping the god. A lot of people are simply believing in the religion, even for the explorer as well. Because praying is another requirement for level up. People with various circumstances visit the church. And the Priests, besides teaching, they are handling the level up as well.

This world's God seems different than the God in my world who doesn't do anything. I understand that in the Allied Nations, religion can raise someone's level.

Dia who has already finished her prayer talks to the priest and then meeting me.

「Ah. Sieg, you come already」

Morning. Dia, You come early J

I thought that my level will possibly go up, but it didn't J

「I see. That's too bad」

I check Dia's status.

[Status]

Name: Diablo • Sith HP39/52 MP431/431 Class: Swordsman Level 1

Strength0.59 Vitality1.12 Dex0.92 Speed0.88 Wisdom1.34 Magic23.25

Qualities 5.00 State: Divine protection 1.00 Experience: 89/100

Apparently, he can level up... Just a little more.

And, as usual, his status is abnormal. Especially his magic.

While heading to the Labyrinth, we're talking about our teamwork strategy.

Then is that fine? The only thing I do is to attract the monster's attention.

「I'm sorry but please. I don't have power, I can't damage the monster with my sword. Since it's only 2 people, I intended to use magic」

Looks like Dia can't beat the monster alone. That's why he ask for help from that kind of fellows. As expected, it will be hard just using one's magic to beat the monster. If that's so, you're not a swordsman afterall. Why don't you just put down your sword. I disagree with his idea, about him being a swordsman.

「Okay. But, I prefer to avoid it. I just don't want to get any injury」

That's fine. It's enough if you could just buy me some time.

「I think this the best strategy. Since the only thing I need to do is to attract the enemy and disturb it」

「If my level is raised up, I will fight with my sword. Please until then, bear with me」

No, I think he is better to focus more on his Magic.

But, I can't speak about it because he will ask why? I just can't explain about [Indication]

Then I will look for the first monster I

We entered the Labyrinth while talking about it. It's different if I compared to the Whoseyards's Labyrinth entrance which is beautiful. This labyrinth is very rough. There is no guard at the entrance here.

「Well then, Let's go」

This is my second time challenging the Labyrinth.

I feel Anxiety and fear inside my heart.

I already gathered the information before. I gathered it from books about the monster. I also heard various things about monster according to the customers (bar) experience. The equipment is good, and the tool is also ready. I feel a little bit anxious since I have a companion who is very talented. I can take any action

while displaying the Indication. While doing that, I can use magic too. Well, there is nothing wrong challenging the Labyrinth.

I calm myself while my heart is beating fast. Then I passed the entrance.

Again, I come back to this dim hell.

The nasty smell which hurt my nose. I now walk inside this dim light corridor.

And then, we encountered a Ripper Beadle.

We discovered it near the outside range of correct path where it's close to the entrance. Based on the information, there is so many Insect monsters appear in Varte, so we discovered one here.

I take the first move using 《Dimension》 to look for the enemy, and now I invoke the magic 《Dimension: Battle Operation》. This magic specialized in combat. The view is narrow but greatly useful to sense enemy distance and awareness.

The magic can be changed depending on the image. That's what I heard from the Magician who is the customer of the bar. This 《Dimension: Battle Operation》is for the example.

Thanks to the 《Dimension: Battle Operation》, I can sense every movement of the monster.

「It's just one monster. Let's go as we planned」

「Okay!」

We move according to our plan. Dia takes his part to cast the magic, and my job is to buy him some time and keeping the monster away from Dia with my sword.

The Ripper Beadle rushed forward towards me. I stopped it with my sword, full force.

We are exchanging attack and dodging. I'm focusing on defense so it won't rush towards Dia. I can see its movement with my magic. From 2 standpoint, it really can't impose on me.

Although this is the first fight after a long time, I still can manage it because I

had faced them before.

Moreover, I feel this monster is weaker than before.

My speed is raised up already, thanks to the level up, so the Ripper Beadle looks slow for me. Now my strength is also increased, so I can crack its steel shell which I didn't able to do before. I have no fear towards it.

At the same time, I feel the abnormally of the level system in this world.

「Sieg! I will shoot!」

A signal is blown off from my behind when I continue holding the Ripper Beadle. I shifted to the side, so the monster will be visible to Dia.

「《Flame Arrow》!」

Dia completed his chanting and cast the magic.

Flame Magic 《Flame Arrow》. We talked about this before, that it is the magical power, with the excessive heat emitted the arrow. Dia is only able to cast the basic Flame Magic.

When I heard about his story, I could imagine it only from the name. I imagined a Flame in the shape of arrows.

However, this is completely different.

Not an arrow but a ray. Instantly, a "Ray" shot through space towards the monster. I can't follow it with my eyes. When it was flashed, the ray has vanished.

I opened my mouth shockingly.

—Eh? Wait! Is that what you called 《Flame Arrow》?

「Great!」

Dia clenches his fist and poses successful expression.

Due the Dia's laser, the Ripper Beadle's body is going to vanish.

—One hit KO. That Magic killed it instantly.

「Yeayy! I beat it!」

Dia is joying happily behind my back.

But I still dumbfounded.

「Congrats—……」

I follow the joyous atmosphere.

「Yeah! Thanks! This is my first time to beat this kind of big monster!」

[Well that's good for you]

My cold sweat is not stopping.

Dia doesn't understand what he has done.

That magic has never been heard and seen in this world according to the information that I gathered in the Library.

Certainly, Dia's Magic is 23.25 and element magic is 2.09. Perhaps the caused is from other factors. I couldn't explain further than this.

I decided for the future combat, I want to become a man, who has a gun laser (Dia) in my back. It hasn't been long since I met Dia, but I can put my trust in him. I don't understand why. For the magic attack, which doesn't have any malicious attack, can make a hole inside me if he fired mistakenly or I moved mistakenly.

My cowardly heart is trembling in horror.

Thanks to you Sieg, I was able to concentrate on casting my magic, I feel good.

「All right. But, please be careful when you shoot your magic. Really, Seriously, I mean it」

「Ah, ya I get it! Leave it to me!」



Dia really excited after beating the monster but my anxiety is accelerating.

「Well then, let's go? Be quiet, since I will look for another monster. And, at the time of unexpected situation, follow my instructions. Please do not arbitrarily shoot your magic」

I expanded my 《Dimension》 while warning her.

「Okay. I will follow your instructions. I have no doubt towards your words, Sieg」

Dia takes my words obediently. I can feel his trust in me.

I continue to look for the monster while confirming my experience and MP's consumption.

The experience from the monster which Dia knocked down is divided to me as well. It cost me 5 MP to look for the monster until now, and it cost me 3 HP from the previous fight.

Dia is really amazing.

It's cost her low MP to shoot a powerful magic. A scary laser like that possessed by human beings. Then a conversation occurs in the spare time while I found the other one.

TAh, Once you turn to that corner, you will encounter one

FOkayJ

I found a big monster thanks to 《Dimension》, then I tell Dia.

I confirmed the name and the level of the monster with Indication. After we think about the strategy, we confront the monster.

The monster has spider's shape.

However, we follow the same strategy as we decided before, so we can defeat it safely.

After that, we defeat it and the spider's body is vanishing with a light.

「OH, We defeat it again!」

「Disappointing.....」

Even though I frightened about Labyrinth, this was too easy.

Is it because I used 《Dimension》which prevent me from getting any attack?

Is it because the bonus point, like in the game, which is greatly increasing the hit and evasion?

And more about Dia's 《Flame Arrow》with great fire power and hitting the target with high speed.

I'm looking for another monster in the best position to take. If it didn't notice us, I just have used Dia's 《Flame Arrow》 to defeat it. If Dia's missed the target, I will just have to attract it to make it pursue me since I will at the different position to buy Dia's some time.

If there is something wrong, I will just make it slow so I can still give Dia's time. However, I wonder is it because my level is 4 so I can't feel any danger from the attack of monster which its level lower than me?

One by one we defeated several monster already.

「It's easy victory again」

「.....Sieg, is it because the party was formed so to beat the monster became this easy?」

Dia is overjoyed, and on the contrary, the monster wondered what the cause of them got killed.

TNo, off course not. According to the story that I heard from the bar, there were so many people died even though there were in as a party. So I think only both of us are weird I

That's mean we are strong?

That's right. One of the factor, the level 1, Dia's magic has the offensive power too much.

However, if I praised Dia here, I wouldn't be able to appeal my usefulness. If possible, I want to have long relationships with him.

「Ah, It's because Dia is very talent in magic」

「Is that so? Then—」

[However, what's made it went well is our compatibility]

「Our compatibility?」

Yup.

Our compatibility which is tactic to eliminated our gap.

Thanks to my skill, which could search the monster. so we were able to get the result _

That's reminding me, even though you, Sieg, in this dark was still able to presence the monster which is far away.

「Yup. The truth is I used magic to find monster. That's why, I made the monster not to aim at you, who need time to cast the magic. So you will be able to take the best position to attack the monster. Moreover, you can aim first, then attack. I covered you so you were able to cast it perfectly. That's our compatibility」

Certainly, when the time I fought alone I wasn't able to get a chance for casting magic to the monster. It discovered me first. But, how did you find the monster? There is no such magic J

If I talked about it all, maybe he will understand.

Dimension Magic 《Dimension》, The <code>[Indication]</code> which is displayed in my eyes, with this, I can locate the monster.

However, My Dimension magic is unknown in this world. And only me who can use Indication. I hate every trouble comes, and in this way, It's difficult for me to reveal my ability to anyone since I'm a coward.

The magic that I use is an ancient magic from my hometown. I have magic that can search for monster, but I can't reveal more than this]

[I see, so it's a rare magic]

Apparently Dia understands my explanation. In the first place, he expected for a person to not reveal the one's hands that easily. Looks like he understands so he didn't ask any further.

「But, my magic consumption is massive, if I compared to Dia, it will be

hundred times]

That's right. Since Sieg was using magic even not in the battle or in the battle to attract the monster.

Dia expressed his apologies.

Okay. Apparently I successfully show off my power to him.

「Please, tell me when your MP is going to drain. I think it will finish soon, honestly, I didn't intend to stay here this long. Since I still have to work at the bar」

「Okay. Then, let's go to the deeper part, I wonder if there is any strong monster?」

「No problem. According to what I heard from the bar, in that direction, a strong monster will appear」

Then, Let's go-]

I can see its level by using Indication. There is a monster, a low threat one. So I agree with Dia's opinion to get deeper.

Thus, the easy Victory is continued by repeating the same pattern.

We continue hunting monsters until morning's over, without getting tired.

Part 8

In the place where 30 monsters were defeated, My MP is running low.

TAh, soon my magic will reach its limit]

「Eh, already?」

It's noon already.

Several hours has passed, and our exploration can't continue further than this.

[I will get out from the Labyrinth, but what will you do, Dia?]

Feh, I wonder what should I do? Could you just become my vanguard without using magic? J

Absolutely "NO"!

I wanted to shout at him, but I softly explain.

「Hmm... That won't be efficient since the probability of getting injured will increase. Actually, I'm using my MP in the battle as well, so that will greatly weaken me」

[Eh, You are using your sword and magic too?]

Tyup. With ancient magic, I can polish my sense of combat more J

「So you were using magic all this time? I thought you are a good swordsman as well since you handle well with sword, but the truth is, that was because of your magic」

Tyup, that's exactly why I will be useless if my MP is empty J

Honestly, I just don't want to fight when my MP is zero.

I don't want to increase the possibility that I cannot protect Dia. without magic, it will consume me more time and energy to defeat the monster. The more time I spend, the probability of unexpected problem will rise as well. The more I give an opportunity to monster for an attack, we will get into trouble. That will make a meaningless battle.

[Okay. Sieg, I will go outside with you, after that I will continue here alone] 「Eh, Wai, alone...? Wa, Wait, Dia!」 Dia opposed to my idea. What a cheeky Long chanter magician. Anyway, I will be in trouble if he dies. Dia, are you by any chance going to do it alone? Tyup, I intend to do it alone. I still have plenty of time, up until now I was alone anyway so it won't change anything J 「.....Did you mean up until now you beat the monsters by yourself?」 ГUkh..... I At the moment, Dia hesitate says something. [I don't really mind at all if you can beat the monster by yourself] [Ukh.....] have ever defeated it before] Dia begins to nervous while wondering his eyes. TOH so you have? But, how many? Up till now, you have it hard. Until yesterday, how many have you ever defeated? J 「Just…one…ー」 [Please stop doing it by yourself! Because I'm worried about you...] I said straight to him.

That might sound harsh to him. However, I can't afford to lose my precious partner.

「But, I can defeat plenty of them. This is my chance!」

「You can only defeat them with magic today. I think you know about yourself that up till now you weren't able to defeat a monster because you cannot shot your magic, right?」

「But, I still have my sword!」

[I'm telling you, you are not good with sword]

I can see his status. That's why I can understand him more.

He is specialised in magic. That's why he is not good with the sword.

「But, I don't have time. I want to power up quickly, and I need more money......」

Dia showed his serious expression.

I can see Dia's determination, that's made my head hurt.

The Doesn't matter How many times you swing your sword, you won't be able to beat a monster. I can understand if you use the magic. I don't mind if in the condition where you could use magic. but, the case it's not like that J

Tho, magic is not good. Today I can't help but use magic, I just want to get stronger in the sword. My dream is to be able to fight with the sword. That's why I want to train my sword's skill.

Just focus on your magic since you don't have any talent in the sword.

While holding back my emotion, I slowly speak to him.

「Why it has to be the sword? If you want power and money, you should just focus on your magic. By doing so, as the magician, you will successfully earn the money」

That may be so. But, I have to use sword!

It is hard for me to tell him about my logical thought. Because he is too fixated in the sword. Our relationship is still too thin for me to give him advise.

No matter what?

No matter what, I want to use the sword......]

I check Dia's status while scratching my head.

He has the necessary amount of experience to level up. And, His HP somewhat decreased.

I get it. I won't stop you if you want to use the sword that badly. Use the sword, if possible use the magic as well, that will become a good combination. But, I want you to get ready so we have to get out from here first.

「AaaaーI get it」

Dia approved in surprise.

「What's wrong?」

「No, It's just I didn't expect you will understand...... Everyone, up to now, they didn't agree that I use sword...」

Seems like his sword skill is terribly poor.

I cannot confirm his skill since I was at the vanguard, but no matter how you look, anyone could see it from his level.

「...How do I put it? I can understand your feelings」

「Sieg too…?」

When playing a game, even I often selected the sword as my weapon. Because it somewhat has the charm as a man and the character who use the sword is likely to be a protagonist in the view of all story. When I was a child I wanted to be a hero, I can understand his feelings even if it's impossible.

As a matter of fact, I want him to focus on magic. However, if I force him, it'll jeopardize our relationship. Because of that, I have to tolerate him.

Thank you, Sieg J

Dia's cheeks blushed shyly.

At the same time, my cheeks blushed as well.

With his gold hair and blushed cheeks, he is pretty cute. No matter how I look, he looks like a girl. Including his gesture is like a girl—I give up. There is no benefit to investigate him further. To put my effort for that, I will get absolutely nothing out of it.

That's why I never ask about his gender.

I only see him as my partner to conquer the dungeon. No more than that.

I use my remaining MP, avoid the monster, and get out from the Labyrinth.

In a middle way, we are talking about dropped items.

Come to think of it, How are we suppose to divide the items?

「Mostly in the post of requirement party, it was written "equal divide"……」

Then, let's divide it in half]

[But, your work was harder than me, shouldn't you take it more...?]

That's troublesome. We helped each other, so we divide it in half. No matter what, it's half. Leave no evil, That's made easy to understand.

「Uhhh, I get it......」

Honestly, I want Dia to get more his share. I want him to prepare his equipment and tools, and also to properly eat and rest. But, the only way reasonable reason for him is to divide it in half.

And after we got out from this place, go try to the church J

[Eh, but I went there this morning?]

「You might be able to level up thanks to our success. For low level, I think it's better to often go there」

Dia accepted my suggestion about going to the church. I advise him to pay more attention to his armor, tools and also his physical condition straight.

And, I suggest him if possible to not enter the Labyrinth alone, even it's not me, at least, be paired with someone. If he is raised to level 2, and showed the obtained magic stone, he might find more companion.

「I get it, I get it. I appreciate your concern about me, Sieg. But, that troubled me by saying it at one time」

「If you are going to enter the Labyrinth again, that's the minimum requirement you should do」

Dia showed his bitter face towards me.

However, I advised him so he will not die. Even though he dislike it, but he is still seriously listening to me.

And last, until for that time, I will keep my attention for him. In the condition without MP, I cannot help him, but I considered many ways in order to not let Dia die.

Well, if I only think about the benefits, what I do now is more than enough.

Dia is exceptionally talented. However, this is putting me too much effort.

I understand it myself.

It's just that simple.

If I think cleverly, to use Dia is important. In some cases, it is necessary he become my tool for me to survive.

But. Dia is my first acquaintance of the same age in this world.

Above all, we formed a party to go to the Labyrinth together and faced dangerous situation together. I can say his presence gradually become as a friend for me.

Fortunate or unfortunate, I have found my place in this world.

Ya.

Fortunate or unfortunate—

Chapter 3: Dream of slave, Slave of Dream

Part 1

After we finished from the Labyrinth, my experience increased by 100. I still need 600 more experience to reach level up. 100 experience in several hours, my growth is too slow.

However, that can be said as rapid growth in the perspective of 30 old age man of the explorer who is still at level 10. If I keep doing this every day, I will reach next level in six days. I will not take as much time as the people who kept fighting for ten years or more.

If I think like that, this is an abnormally rapid growth.

Even so, I'm not satisfied.

My goal is to reach the 100th level of Labyrinth. To reach that, doesn't mean have to break off what does the human can do. Then I make a plan just like in the game.

First, I have to align what to do for exploration in the Labyrinth. There is still so many things that I still don't know yet, but I was right that I had the feeling about I need Dia to explore the Labyrinth.

I, without reducing my HP at all but my MP is run out.

In other words, if I can have a recovery for my MP or save my MP, I will be able to continue. To increasing the efficiency of obtaining experience.

The rest is, pay more attention at monster's level is important. With Dia's skill, I can challenge a stronger monster to gain more experience and money.

It's just so simple like that.

The important points are recovery and hunt selection. That's the basic for level up in the online game.

「.....The problem is solved」

I muttered to myself.

「Hm, What is it?」

Ryin reacts to me.

「Nothing, Since I began to enter the Labyrinth again, I thought about where it is and what kind of monsters is inside」

The Labyrinth's explorers who are visiting this bar have a lot of knowledge. Some of their advice are expected, but I spoke without concealing my intent.

[Heee—You failed before but you challenge it again]

「Yes, Because I'm free in the morning. I have a spare time, so why don't I just go to the Labyrinth...」

「Well, because you came until this far, Varte to challenge the Labyrinth. That can't be helped」

[I will not make any trouble for this bar, so I will avoid getting injured]

No, you should focus on your dream more than this bar. But somehow still work at here. Rather than that, what did you just said about this and that monster a little while ago?

Ryin kindly responds to my story.

However, the story is being interrupted.

「If that kind of story just leaves it to me— Sieg」

It was Corvus.

「Do you know a lot?」

「Yeah, Since I have been doing this for many years. So just ask me anything」 I turned my face towards Ryin.

She nodded silently. I was going to introduce about Corvus, but...

[Well then, I will ask you. I want to know more about strong monster]

「Strong monster? Do you mean about Boss monster?」

I heard about the boss monster, it is like my favorite game. I firmly hold down

my curiosity, and stay focus calmly.

「Yes. Including boss monster, I want to know more about strong monsters which are at low level」

「I see. It's important to pay the attention to the monster of the first level. You are really clever」

I respond him with a wry smile.

I'm telling him my purpose is not evil, It's for subjugation.

「Alright, Sieg. Much more the boss monster is rare not that much. Certainly, there supposed to be 10 type of it. The closest boss monster where near the entrance of Varte is 【Quuen of Forest 』. Note that, the area is where lots of plants grow. It's living in that area. Over there, there are a lot of Insect boss monster as well. There is also dangerous gigantic spider boss 【Rail Arachne』 and Carnivorous plants 【Caps Dungeon Hole』—」

Corvus tells me generously, perhaps this information might from his experience. Come to think of it, He often took care of me. I understand his reason. Like a good big brother who is taking care of me while visiting the bar.

And, about the low-level boss monster, Corvus speaks like he has recalled something.

「─The rest is, if you are talking about strong monster, then it's mean the guardian」

「Guardian?」

The first time I heard about this.

「Yeah, The big boss which are at 10th level and 20th level」

[10th level? Then, that's still nothing to do with me, right?]

No, It doesn't mean like that. Guardian's intelligence is high, it's freely wandering inside the Labyrinth as they want. So, sometimes its appear in the lower level as well I

The boss is freely wandering.....? J

Tyeah. I tell you, you should absolutely escape if you meet them. Nobody could

go against them. Even for the strongest explorer of Allied Nation couldn't defeat it]

[I understand]

Without being said, I have been decided to run away if I met them.

「.....It's a little bit of surprise story, don't you agree? Even though I walk around, I still haven't met them once. Even I don't remember about when it's last made appearance. It's already become common topic among the explorers」

「No, I really thankful. Thank you very much. The topic is really interesting」

「Well, from this point the topic will get more to the interesting part. It's the story about Glenn who is the strongest in the Allied Nation. He is the legend among us—」

But the talk comes to an end after we talked about the monster...

「−Corvus! don't interrupt him too much!」

「Please, wait, Oldman. I'm just teaching him with good intentions, you know?」

As usual, the manager's loud voice flies from the kitchen.

Corvus answers him happily. And, he says [Let's talk about this next time] to me while winking his eyes at me.

I laugh while lowering my head to him. After all, Corvus is a dependable big brother for me.

While returning to my work, I arrange information that I just got.

After that, the bar becomes busy because many customers came. I succeed gathering the information that I wanted to hear.

Part 2

The next day, after I finished my work at the bar last night, the second Labyrinth exploration begins.

Last night, I heard some stories from the manager about strong monsters inside the Labyrinth. And I had gotten know more which monsters I can fight and which aren't, and which monsters will give me more experience.

Yeah—Let's aim for higher level monster and boss monster today.

「OOOUー! Bossー? That's a good idea」

I meet Dia at church, I tell him about my objective today. Dia is quite enthusiastic.

I have found out that it's hard to solve my MP problem. Therefore, let's use MP effectively in each combat.

[I agree, Let's aim for the boss!]

He didn't seem satisfied with his one-sided battle yesterday. I can see his desire to fight with the stronger monster.

[Well then, we are going a little bit far, so come with me]

「All right」

According to the information I collected at the bar, it takes steps from here to lead to the area where we can find the boss monster.

Along the way, I'm saving up my MP. Doesn't mean I don't use it at all, but if possible I decided not to use 《Dimension》on small prey.

We go through, entering inside of the labyrinth. Meanwhile, at the same time, selecting monsters which are easy to defeat.

And, the corridor inside the Labyrinth changes its appearance bit by bit.

From a featureless stone, it changes into a green road where the energies overflow. The corridor gradually increases its size, Trees grow in abundance. And more when we advance deeper we find a forest.

The road end here, there is only a dense dark forest.

We confirmed that we already entered one of the deep part, the special area.

「Yup, we entered the special area of insects. So, I want to snipe for 『Queen of Forest』that's live in the main of this area」

「Eh?」

I tell him my idea.

Dia is puzzled. He might don't though that I'm telling him to snipe and shoot it from the place where it's safe.

「Yup, we are going to snipe it」

[Please, wait, Sieg. It's likely to snipe, right? Do you mean aiming from here?]

[I will explain my strategy]

「Eh, Eh?」

His -nervous but cute-expression shows. Dia continues listening to my explanation.

This strategy is as a result of information that I collected from many explorers.

TAccording to the information, I think we can grasp the boss's position from here. I want Dia to use your full power magic and shoot it to the direction that I point out. Maybe, the boss will die in 1 hit. Since I want to pick up the drop item as well, so we have to beat the underlings which surrounding the boss. Well, Even though I don't have any intend to do that, but I will be the bait. Because the fight is using MP, I will have Dia to cover me. That's all. We should be able to do it with our best abilities. Is there any question?

「.....Uhm, Can we really do it?」

「Yea, Of course,」

Exaggerating, I said that to him. So he won't feel any pressure. Depending on our abilities, this is an easy strategy. Much more our ability is extraordinary.

If one normal explorer presence here, this strategy cannot be done. This strategy can only be done with me who have insight, and the talented Dia who is my partner. Again, I reconfirmed to look at other explorer's Indication and their

status is terrible.

[I get it. I have debt with you, so I believe in you]

Dia shows his confidence and tighten his chest.

「Don't get too work up. If we do well like I think, this will be easy. I can see the result already. Because Dia's magic is really strong」

I encourage him to reduce his mental burden.

Dia nodded shyly.

[Is, Is that so? I get it]

「Ok. Well then, wait a moment, I will look for it」

I use 《Dimension: multiple expansion》so it can extend for collecting the surrounding information.

My sense is expanded through trees in the forest, and I found the 5-meter monsters behind the giant tree. It is taking a shape of a two-legged butterfly and bipedal armor. The monster is wandering its surrounding.

I point out my finger to its direction.

Thanks to the 《Dimension》I could grasp even for 1 mil. If we do well, the aim will be straight to Queen of Forest's heart.

I found it. Put your arm on top of my arm. And shoot it in the direction where I point out. Don't worry about the obstacles. Generally, it won't a hindrance to your magic. if it so I will do something about it]

Г.....Оkay」

Dia, still puzzled, put his arm on top of my hand, from behind of my shoulder and point out to the direction where I point out.

「Our objective is not moving. It might won't move as long as we don't get near it. Try to not burn my hand, Dia can shoot at anytime」

You will be fine, I will shoot it soon.

Dia says so and he closes his eyes to focus.

And in a number of seconds, He opens his eyes and shout.

「Go!!!ー《Flame Arrow》!!!」

In a moment, a flash is running.

I felt its high temperature and I let go of my arm immediately.

The emitted amount of heat went straight while leaving holes in the trees. I grasp the situation with 《Dimension》. The state is 《Flame Arrow》went through Queen of Forest's throat.

【Title Green's relative is in possession】

0.05 is added to Vitality.

I was going to shoot it to its heart, but it missed a little to its throat.

Still, its body and head are detached and the target was killed on the spot. Apparently, If Dia shoots it with his full power the aim is shifted a little bit to the top.

I look at Dia's and my Indication while confirming the vanishing of Queen of the forest. A huge experience is added and distributed in half.

Though I don't know the details of experience's distribution, but basically a party has to share.

I move to the next object while smiling about the result we got.

Tyeah, we defeated the boss. Next is let's defeat the underlings which are at the boss's surrounding. But, let's snipe it without revealing our position to them. The plan changed a bit, let's aim the lowest level monsters and secure it's drop item.

[Eh, already over?]

Dia looks so disappointed because the fight ended in an unsatisfying way.

「It's over, It's over. Well, let's go slowly. If possible I want to avoid the combat, but just in case, prepare yourself」

I say so while confirming the surrounding where the drop items are.

Half of the underlings are looking for the caused and half of it is remaining on the spot. Me and Dia go through while avoiding them.

Sometimes the monsters appear but we defeat it with our teamwork.

About ten minutes, we are still heading to the place where the items dropped. The distance is still about hundreds of meters. We took more time than we thought because we have to take detour repeatedly in order to avoid the combat.

After enough doing safety confirmation, we are aiming the three monsters who are standing by.

Me, together with Dia use eye contact to snipe them.

First, we killed instantly the monster which didn't do anything. The remaining two, they seem have noticed the direction where the magic was shot. Both of them are heading towards our place. By looking at the situation, I let Dia use the same action like we did just now. To shoot straight line to the monsters which are approaching. Its body had been holed before it can reach us.

And lastly the remaining one. In response, I ambush it with my sword. Even it is an underling, it is a high-level monster. I fight without hesitation.

「─《Dimension: Battle Operation》!」

For us, this last fight is likely a boss fight.

The monster is similar to mantis. Both its arm like shaped knife quickly aimed at me. I dodged in response to seeing its movement. Before the next breath, the mantis swung its other's hand at me. Then I hold it with my sword, I pushed backslash to its body.

And, I convinced my victory.

Without a special move, but one slash. Without Dia's assistance, the monster was just committed suicide to me. Though I just tried to buy time for Dia.

「《Flame Arrow》!」

And, once again the magic blew off the mantis head.

「Fu…」

TAre you alright, Sieg. That was really quick insect J

Certainly, it was the monster with a fast sharp attack. But, honestly, it was slow for me in one-one fight.

My magic power is too immense. With 《Dimension》 which grasp the movement, I display the unequaled strength even in the close combat.

[I can still do it, but only to this extent. With this, it's really over]

「.....I see. I relief」

We begin to pick up the dropped items.

We secured the item which is dropped from the boss as well. After that, we escape the area while trying to not encounter with other monsters.

We are going to leave this area by moving to the [Correct Path].

I check my remaining MP and it still more than half left.

[Well then, let's move to the next boss?]

[Eh, there is still more?]

The nearest boss from this place is the colony of goblins. Among them, there is one gigantic goblin so let's defeat it]

「Uhm, Okay」

Dia agrees while holding the magic stone which is dropped from the Queen of Forest.

Like we did it before, we are heading to the rumored place.

Like the previous battle, this boss is defeated easily. This is too disappointing.

【Title 『Timidity Strength』is in possession】

0.05 added to strength.

This is different from what I thought...... J

「Yeah, I think so too. However, this is thanks to our safest method and efficient in our capabilities...」

This is far from the common battle because we are depending on our special power and abnormal abilities to fight.

And then in this way we are repeating this pattern. We are defeating the boss monster without threatening our life after all. I don't have any complaint.

On that day, we defeated 3 boss monsters and get out from the Labyrinth.

Title [Stepping Troll] is in possession]

0.05 is added to strength.

Part 3

Our sole purpose is to get huge experience by selecting the strong monster.

Since the experience that we are collecting is already more than enough, we are heading back to town.

Along the way, Dia walks while squeezing his soaked clothes.

「Damn, my clothes soaked caused of that insect...... Well, perhaps it will dry as we walk......」

We did well until the second boss. But, the third boss's habitat was really terrible.

When we faced the boss which has the shape like water strider in the water-land area, Dia magnificently fell down to the pond. Dia insisted on attacking the boss, but I already know about the landscape thanks to 《Dimension》I didn't fell over. Dia fell down to an open place.

Even though he specializes in magic, his stamina is very low. As much as possible, I let Dia not to moved much.

That's what made our current situation like this.

Dia is desperate to dry the moisture as dry as he can do. Since earlier, he is squeezing his cloth which is around his waist while revealing his navel, I can see that.

That is tempting me.

His clothes are so soaked, of course, his body as well. I didn't have any interest since usually he wears large clothes, but he is different now.

I could see obviously a feminine body line.

I could grasp there is swelling line on his chest.

[Hey, Dia, jacket!]

I'm going to let Dia wear the overcoat which I wore.

Tho, I'm good. As much as this, I'm fine I

However, like a naughty boy, Dia rejected me.

I do really have an interest in his gender now. I try to indirectly warn her.

The staying like that I

Than ha, I'm okay, Sieg. I will not catch a cold just because of this. I'm okay I

Tho, but.....your soaked clothes is sticking to your body... I

The sticking.....? I



Dia finally realized to what I mean to say.

After he looks at his situation calmly, his face is becoming red and he receive my coat to cover his body.

Tya, that's right. Well, let me borrow it. I will be troubled if I catch a cold Dia wear the overcoat and walk a little behind me.

Awkward silence flows.

To break the air, I choose a different topic.

「Ah, Dia. In the direction where we are heading, stalls are gathered there. Since we have plenty of money, why don't we take a look?」

「A good idea, Let's go! there may be interesting things!」

Various stalls are gathered in the plaza lively. Inexperienced craftsmen seem to sell one's work with bargain price by the story that I heard. Besides, there seems to be a person is selling the items which I picked up in the Labyrinth. This is a good chance to look for weapons in this plaza other than regular shop.

I will not be fooled since I have my ability [indication].

Redden face Dia run to visit the small animal shop.

[Sieg, there are so many things which are looks good for us]

And the small body with moving full eyes, beckon me.

「Ah, I go now. Wait!」

I ran after Dia who is running joyfully.

Dia happily picking the stuff which he is going to buy while says [How about this?]. Each time, I use [Indication] to evaluate the stuff which he is going to buy. Though there are so many cheap things, but there are a lot of low quality as well. Good stuff is hard to found here.

However, that's not the problem.

We go window shopping while having small talk. Our awkward atmosphere is already vanished.

Well, this is fun, using the Indication to check the quality of the goods. At

times, I left Dia alone, and I was wondering to take a look at the goods endlessly.

 Γ Hmmm-1

[Sieg, you can judge the goods too? you look so serious......]

It might be strange for Dia who doesn't know about [Indication].

「Really? I just know about it」

「Hee—Sieg, you know a lot—」

Dia looks at me with respect. However, it was thanks to Indication I can judge the goods. Apparently, I as if deceiving the innocent Dia, feel a little awkward.

I hide my guilty feeling from him. To change the topic, I move to find other goods and I have found the goods which I have been looking for.

[Hairpin of Airia]

The accessories which decorated with White magic stone.

Equipped with this accessories will increase the magic power.

It's named item.

I have found it in the stall wherein the corner of the plaza. The price is also cheap for a named item. I take it without hesitate and talk to the storekeeper.

[Excuse me, I'm going to buy this]

「You are welcome to but those. That will be 5 copper coins」

Immediately, I take out the copper coins from my leather bag and trade it with the accessories.

The feeling is like I got the rare item into my hand. I smile while looking at [Hairpin of Airia]. The hairpin which decorated with white magic stone sparkling beautifully.

「Sieg. Is that a good accessory?」

「Without doubt, its worth for 5 copper coins」

All named item that I had been seen up to now were expensive. The lowest is one silver coin.

In my point of view, it's just an ordinary thing. I don't really get it—J [Fufu, it was a good price] 「But, Sieg. Are you going to wear it on yourself?」 ΓEh? I I noticed to what Dia is trying to say. The item name is [Hairpin of Airia]. Okay, this is a hairpin. This is the accessories for a woman to wear. 「Sieg, I think you are not suited to wear it.....」 「.....No, this is for you Dia」 I hold out my desperation without being noticed by Dia, then I present it to Dia. 「Eh, me?」 [I think it will suit you to wear it since you bundled your back hair] No no no, wait! I'm good. It's absolutely will not suit for me!] FBut, Dia. If you don't want to wear it......What should I do with it? Even though I got it with much effort...and it contains a magical power... J I purposely show my regret in front of Dia.

Dia surely will react to my act. He will hurriedly accept my present.

Since with this accessories has effect which raises the magical power, I think it will suits you more...... It can't be helped, I will refund this back to the shop. Ah, but it's not possible. What should I do........

[I get it already! I will take it!]

Thank you! Here, wear it]

I'm wearing the Hairpin of Airia to Dia's hair. With this, it won't be a waste. I nod with game-like satisfaction.

Then, the restless Dia asks me.

They, doesn't it weird?

「No, it suits you great」

「No, no way......」

Dia shook his head shyly and start walking ahead to run away.

His back hair is bouncing like a tail. His golden hair with Hairpin of Airia, Dia's charm has increased. Is that a charm as a man? Or woman? It is better not to tell anything to Dia.

「Dia, you are not going to buy something?」

[I'm good. Since I can't tell which is the good stuff]

It doesn't have to be a good stuff, for example like for your hobby? We have to celebrate it since we got a lot of money from the Labyrinth J

To celebrate it? How about books?

I'm surprised at his unexpected hobby.

Come to think of it, we never talk about anything other than the Labyrinth exploration. Well, this is a good chance to get to know each other.

Then, let's go look for the books. what kind of books?

「Hmmmm... If possible, the adventure one is good. Like stories of the Labyrinth explorer'? Like stories of the legend? —」

We go around the plaza while we are discussing and sharing each other hobby. Just a little, but we become closer.

Well, am I fortunate or unfortunate to met Dia who becomes closer to me?

Then, we had been looking around the stalls in the plaza and at the time, Dia asks me something.

Unlike the small talk up to now, he shows serious expression.

 \lceil —Hey, this made me curious for a long time, why did Sieg decide to explore the Labyrinth? \rfloor

[Eh? Of course for living...]

For living? Sieg could do anything and I think you don't need that much money. you could work at the bar, even you are able to cook as well.

I'm puzzled to his sudden question.



「Indeed, even so I have to go to the Labyrinth. How do I put it? It necessary for me to live as Siegfried」

In order to live as [Kanami Aikawa]. Under an assumed name [Siegfried] which is not a human name. I wanted to answer him like that, but since Dia doesn't know anything so I gave him an abstract answer.

「You, in order to live as Sieg?」

「Come to think of it, how about you, Dia?」

「It's simple. I just want money」

That reminds me, he said he wants money and power. He is so certain about his decision so he answered without hesitation.

TOh, you did say that you want money and power. But why you want them? J

「If I have them, I can do anything. Honor, position, woman, foods, freedom, happiness, anything」

I can feel grudge in his words. In his grudge, I can feel something similar to ambition and hatred. Apparently In the past, Dia has his own circumstance that made him attach too much in money and power.

「What a cheap dream...」

It might so. But, that's a man dream, right?

「No, I don't think so...」

「No no, you gotta have one deep inside your heart. Money, Luxurious mansion, beautiful woman, delicious foods. That's the desire of every man, right?」

To you think so.....?]

Is it due to my original world's sense of values? So I don't have that kind of desire. In my original world, luxurious house and delicious food are a matter of course. But, rather than to sufficient the physical things, it's more importance to sufficient the emotional.

Is it because I came from such an easy world that made me think there is more important than money and desire?

In my hometown, the people who do possess money and power are doing whatever they want. Because they possess their own private army, nobody was able to defy them. One of them is the feudal lord, he is taking the money from the people as much as he wants. With the power of money, can be surrounded by beautiful slaves. He is living on greed and looks happier than anyone else. Even in this country, there must be one. Rich people, Nobbles, the Labyrinth explorer who can be said they do possess the money.

Dia continue to talk as he is trying to say something.

I also want to become rich. And with power, I can against anyone. In that way, everyone will recognize me. Until I reached there I can accept myself. and I will live as the boy named Dia.

Dia has finished saying his powerful will of a monologue.

Perhaps I might mistake about Dia. I though he is such a conceited kid who lacks power and keeping on himself. But, he posses a strong will. Without a doubt, he has his own goal.

But why does his goal is that kind of things?

[I see, Dia, you are awesome.....]

「Ah, no, I'm not that amazing. I still don't have the money and power, I reached this far it is all thanks to you, Sieg」

That was nothing.

He showed his face which becomes red in an embarrassment while scratching his head.

At that moment, I had dizziness because I felt Dia's heartbeat who is getting closer to me.

There is strong will in Dia's talk.

That could be expected from the people who live alone.....

「Sieg, are you alright? Somehow, your face is pale」

「.....No, I'm good」

I muttered as to wring out.

I don't come here to hear people's dream and ambition. I don't come here to get close to someone. That's what I thought.

If I touch my humanity, I couldn't think the game way of thinking.

I break off my talk with Dia immediately.

As the reason that my MP runs out.

[Well then, Sieg. See you!]

「Ah, See you」

Dia is energetically waving his hand. He is motivated for tomorrow.

In contrast, I'm depressed. I walk the streets alone, moving my heavy legs.

I didn't intend to go to the church, even though the amount of experience is enough to level up.

I just want to walk around.

Up till today, I have been only thinking about the Labyrinth.

Collecting the information, looking at the town for the Labyrinth, Working for the Labyrinth. However today, I just want to walk around without thinking such a thing.

This is because I touched Dia's strong emotion.

The fact is, I'm beginning to take an interest in other people's business. For example, I take an interest in the young man, carrying his sword, who walk passing me by. I want to know about where he was born, what's his wish, where do he live? Next is I take an interest in the beast girl who way past of me, what kind of personalities she have? Where is she going to go?

The people who I thought they were the non-player character (NPC) before, I'm beginning to feel they have running blood inside their body.

I realized to which I shouldn't have realized, then I feel strong dizziness and nausea. I come to have no more time.

I must not recognize it.

If I recognized it, I couldn't think the game way of thinking anymore.

The sense of reality applies it to the nonsense of reality, and nonsense of reality turns into the sense of reality. The things become vague and blurred.

It's as if I'm becoming not myself.

「Skill [???] is activated」

Stabilizing mind from feelings gets confusion point +1.00

—That can't be helped.

Peoples are living in whatever worlds. People have their own story, it might be a wonderful story which doesn't lose to the peoples who are living in my world.

Nobody is the non-player character (NPC). I don't have any choice but accept them.

I look at the people who are coming and passing me in the town. People are lives.

There might be people who are happy and unhappy. With not to always think negative things, I try to understand them. Not just using Indication to understand them, but to look at their expression to understand.

While thinking in this way, I walk to the place where I never go before. And, I observe various people.

While on it, the mood changed me to go to the church for level up. I also do shop in a rational way using money that I have left.

Then, I keep continue walking.

Thanks to the skill [????], I regain my calm.

I walk the town triumphantly in the same way as Dia.

While on the way, I see people who have been tethered to the collar chain.

"Cring" a tiny sound of chain collar is sounding.

According to Dia, slaves in this world are common.

Even in my original world's history, slaves existed. In conclusion, in every world, slavery does exist.

While my mind looking in a daze, a big hint to explore the labyrinth floats.

I will do whatever which related to the Labyrinth. A wry smile floats on my face.

In other words, a slave is one of the ways to conquer the Labyrinth.

I can look the suitable skill slave for conquering the Labyrinth with [Indication] I can use slave's talent to conquering the Labyrinth.

It still just a pop-up Idea, but it's worth to try it out.

I walk toward to the bad public peace of Varte to gather the information which related to the slave and I have found the carriage that carrying the slaves. I use 《Dimension》and follows the carriage.

I go ahead through the deserted back alley and pass through the underpass. When I walked a little, I see a plain door. The building is likely a secret place that people will have a hard time to finding it.

I observe the inside of the building with 《Dimension》. Inside there is an auction where slaves are being sold.

Because my remaining MP is low, I can't observe further. I entered the building and head to the customer service at the entrance.

[Excuse me, Mister, what's business brings you here at this early time?]

The small beautiful man who saw my appearance greets me with etiquette.

[I was recommended by my acquaintance. I just came to take a look]

Even if my age is young, only the people who have the financial power can come here, so I acted arrogantly in my answer.

In this world, many young people are the success one. I shouldn't be suspected If I firmly my attitude.

For now, I will gather information with my good talk. I have confidence like I was in the Labyrinth. If the worst happen, I will just have to run away.

「I see. However, we are only open the business at midnight, since we will be found out if we are open at noon」

[Is that so? For that reason, I came here to have you tell me for things]

「Yes, please. I don't mind」

Though I thought that since I'm unprofitable guest he will not willingly answer me, but he willingly answer my questions. He might look at me as a promising guest.

Try not to look suspicious, I start the talk with the man.

While on collecting the information, I observe my surroundings.

With 《Dimension》, I can grasp the presence of slaves who were carried with the carriage before. They are getting a treatment. In order to improve the value of the product, bathing, makeup is necessary.

The lucky slaves who are on the treatment are exceeds ten. While watching the treatment of the slaves, I collect the information from the men.

In the place where few of time passed, one slave shows up in the lobby where I'm speaking with the man. I understood the slave is lost thanks to the 《Dimension》. I knew since early, the slave was walking around this building.

She is a black-haired girl.

With hollow black eyes and skinny body. She has shabbily dressed only one layer cloth, is her treatment not finished yet?

The slave over there is—?」

I knew but I ask.

And, I use [Observe] immediately to confirm her status.

[Status]

Name: Maria Distrus

| НР | 39/41 |
|-----------|-------|
| MP | 35/35 |
| Class | Slave |
| Level | 3 |
| Strength | 0.89 |
| Dexterity | 2.01 |
| Speed | 0.73 |
| Wisdom | 1.07 |
| | |

| Magic | 1.91 |
|------------------|------|
| Quality | 1.52 |
| State: | |
| Confusion | 0.56 |
| Apathy | 1.02 |
| Skills: | |
| Origin Skills: | |
| Insight | 1.43 |
| Acquired Skills: | |
| Hunting | 0.67 |
| Cooking | 1.07 |

I have found the unusual magic and she has 3 of it. She is a girl who has the talent not far from the average.

But the difference is like the sky and earth when I compare her to me and Dia.

「Ah, I, I'm.....」

The girl reacted first.

Her hollow black eyes are looking at me. She is in the state that she has found the things which he has been looking for.

TAh, My apologize. Oi! someone!!!, take that slave back inside!!!」

The man noticed and call for a person.

Even so, the girl keeps watching me. And she mutters falteringly.

「.....I'm Maria. My name is Maria」

When she is about to go, I hear a weak voice.

She is being taken away by the man but I can still hear her clearly.

I was puzzled to her sudden self-introduction.

Tempted by her I end up giving my name.

Γı'm Sieg......]

After I gave my name, I realize I made a mistake. It is not good things to give

my name in this kind of place. Even though I'm being puzzled suddenly, carelessness is not forgiven.

Another person who was called out before appears from the inside in order to take back the girl to the inside.

While another person on it, I'm still watching the girl. There is certain reason that I couldn't' take my eyes off from her.

I don't want to guess what the eyes of the girl expected.

The receptionist (man) wipes his forehead and begins to speak his apology.

[I'm really sorry, Mister. To saw such like that.....]

No, that's fine......]

To consider me in shaking. Looks like I have been spoiled by the skill [???].

Perhaps I tired and too nervous due the Labyrinth.



Anyway, I was able to confirm her status with Indication. For the next, I might be able to look for a certain talent slave smoothly.

I shouldn't stay here any longer.

Then, the next explanation is about—J

「No, I don't care. I will come again. I just wanted to know what I want to know」

「......Is that so? Then, I will wait for your return again」

I leave the respectfully greeting man and escape the shop at once.

Excellent, I successfully gained good knowledge about slavery. However, my mood is not good.

I got out from the dark back alley and I'm lost in the downtown now. Before I know it the day is falling.

Time is up. I turn my foot to the bar which is my workplace.

For some reason my legs are heavy.

-No.

I know the reason.

The cause is that I got close too much with the people who are residing in this world. As the result, I have met with the girl who I must not meet.

No matter how many the skill [????] is repeated, I'm beginning couldn't use the game way of thinking. No, reality and imagination begin to mingle exactly.

And, I ended thinking about my original world while I'm in the different world. Even I think about it, this can't be helped.

While holding down my wavering mind, I move my heavy legs desperately.

Just a bit, I want to be able to use the game way of thinking.

However, it doesn't come true.

I tried not to think about it too much but it always floats in my mind.

Me to met that hollow black-eyed girl is fatal after all.

That hollow eyes. Black-haired hair. Skinny body. One layer of cloth.

The girl reminds me of my most important thing.

I arrived at the bar, I'm going to shake my mind by concentrating all of my energy on work.

However, that was useless.

After the work is finished, I put on a blanket to my body immediately in the corner of the bar.

If possible I want to refrain the skill [???] from the waste. I used it once already for today.

Therefore, I stop my thinking under the blanket.

I will be released from this sense if I sleep. My present feelings will soften a little if step over the day. That's what humans. I believe so and close my eyes.

I try to sleep desperately.

The consciousness goes away as if I fall into the bottom of the deep lake.

Doesn't matter how I escape and escape and escape it at last — even it appeared in my dream.

Part 4

I'm looking at a dream.

Though it is a dream, it is a settlement of my past memory.

The dream is the event when I was in my original world.

However, the memory is not showing clearly. As expected of a dream, it is like noisy sounds of a damaged tape.

However, I could understand it clearly.

This dream is about the memory on that day.

The dream is about me who was still in my original world decided how I will live.

Kanami Aikawa's root memories.

On that day, in the hospital room, I met face to face with my beloved little sister.

In the dream, my sister is smiling gently.

She is my only sister in the world. Her name is Hitaki Aikawa.

She is my proud little sister who has long jet-black hair like a graceful Japanese woman.

Hitaki who has a white body is sitting on the pure white bed. She moves her white body, she is looked as in pain and the clean hospital bed is bent because she is sitting.

Her jet-black hairs pushed back her slender arms. Her white body and pair of unkempt jet-black hairs are filling the atmosphere of hospital's room. Her long straight black hairs are enough to make you think hard to harm it.

At the moment, I hear the voice of Hitaki.

Big brother.....Did you come to visit me today too?

[Of course. From now on, I'm going to visit you everyday.]

That's obvious.

Hitaki has a disease.

And, the cause of her disease is me. It's obvious I have to visit her.

「Big brother? Everyday? Maybe tomorrow is going to rain」

Hitaki is laughing with her sarcasm towards me.

TAh, from now on we are going to be together always......]

I seriously promise her without losing her sarcasm.

「But, you will not be able to play your favorite game, you know? Even so, you don't mind?」

Certainly that's too bad. But, I will endure it. I don't have time to play the game anymore since for Hitaki only have nobody but me. From now on, I will protect you. I will definitely protect you.

On that day, our parent's existence disappeared from family. —We erased them. And, the Aikawa family members are only us. Therefore, we decided to treasure and to take care each other.

From now on, Big brother is.....?]

[Yup, I will protect you and always be together]

Until that day, I wasn't even able to do my role properly. I went away from the Aikawa family, and my little sister has been treated as nothing at all by our parents. My little sister was doing her best but all I can was just run away. That is my miserable and sinful story. I have to make a redemption.

[I'm happy...... Finally, at last.....my brother do care about me......]

Hitaki's hands are trembling with teary eyes and her tear falls on her chest.

It is painful to see her weak appearance. However, I can't look away. I have to look at her. With no one else but our bond as brother and sister.

I hug her trembling body.

I'm hugging her until her tears stop and her trembling stops.

And, my little sister lets out a voice slowly while hearing my beating heart.

She let out words in the state while she is weaving.

We will always be together.....? I'm really happy......]

[I promise. Always be together]

Yes.

I promised to my sister. [Always together]

This is all for me.

Not as Siegfried Visitor but as Kanami Aikawa.

But--

—If I awaken from this dream, Me and my little sister are not going to be together.

Me, who have been crossed to a different world, pulled back to the reality.

The current situation is, I'm alone in the different world and my little sister alone in my original world.

No matter what —I will definitely— Even if I have to pay for my life, I will definitely get back to my original world.

My little sister cannot live without me.

I cannot accept that my little sister because of the illness, she became not able to live happily. That should have happened to me who became not able to live happily.

That's why I'm thinking about how to go back to my original world as soon as possible.

[I will definitely save you, Therefore, I will—!!]

I shout it loud. I vowed to myself that I will protect my little sister.

However, my shouting doesn't reach her.

I did an action which different from my past memory and the dream about my past in the hospital room begins to stop.

And my dream starts to collapse.

Like the puzzle piece that collapses disjointedly and dream's space is broken down.

The window, furniture, ceiling, door, floor, everything which is inside the dream are disappearing.

And the last is my sister is still remaining to sit on the bed who is going to disappear as well.

My dream is gradually swallowing in darkness.

When I opened my eyes, I think I should forget about this dream.

Otherwise, I will not be able to live in this world. By staying calm and rational so I will be able to explore the Labyrinth.

On the contrary, I may go mad with the feeling of irritation and guilty. That makes me enough to rush for conquering the deepest part of the Labyrinth without neither eating nor drinking. But such a thing just a reckless thing. Nothing benefits from it. That's going to become a thing not for Hitaki anymore.

I cannot help it that I have to think of the way.

I push back the Kanami Aikawa and thinking as the Siegfried Visitor to look for the way to return to my original world. I cannot help it this my only way.

It's about time. I really open my eyes after a while passed.

The darkness is fading away and I understand I'm going to awaken soon.

After I got up I will be alone.

I become the explorer, Siegfried Visitor who is aiming to conquer the deepest part of the Labyrinth.

It is hard.

It is really hard.

When I'm feeling so, the light spreads in the darkness.

My body is wrapped by the sunlight.

And, I open my eyes.

I opened my eyes, and there is just me alone.

Part 5

The next morning, I already awake, begins the preparation for exploration in the Labyrinth. I don't have any particular person whom I want to stay together. I don't have time to complain since I'm alone in this world.

In the morning, I go out to buy necessities for the Labyrinth. I bought some armor since I could easily get money.

After that, I meet with Dia.

My left hand is equipped with the gauntlet which was a bargain and there is a spare sword in my [Belonging].

I gave a light breastplate to Dia. Though he held back but this equipment will be useful in the fight so I persuaded him somehow.

After that, we pay a visit to the church then lastly we check our preparation.

Dia is happily telling me about his level up.

[Sieg! I asked the priest and he told me that I'm level 6 now!]

「Good for you. by the way, I'm level 6 too」

I confirm our status while he is happily like a child.

(Status)

Name Kanami Aikawa HP 189/197 MP 262/262

Class

Level 6 EXP: 1094/3200

Strentgh 4.12

Vitality 4.21

Dexterity 5.11

Speed 7.24

Wisdom 7.23

Magic II.43

Quality 7.00

State: Confusion 5.31

Equipment

One-Handed Iron Sword

Clothes of the Different World

Large Mantle

Shoes of the Different World

Leather Gauntlet

(Status)

Name Dia Sith

HP 98/112 MP 631/631

Class Swordsman

Level 6 EXP: 321/3200

Strentgh 3.62

Vitality 3.43

Dexterity 2.14

Speed 2.08

Wisdom 5.67

Magic 34.35

Quality 5.00

State: Divine 1.00
Protection

Equipment

Treasured Sword of Array House

Hairpin of Airia

Fine Clothes

Leather Breastplate

Mantle

Leather Shoes

I jumped in surprise after took a look at our rapid growth.

By the way, I used my point to increase the MP.

It's fine for Dia to increase the strength and vitality. I felt relieved a little because Dia specialized in Magic so I thought he won't increase them.

The one that makes me uneasy is his class.

My class remains a blank and Dia is Swordsman. Possibly, in Dia's case, his strength and vitality could become a benefit for his class. If that the case, then the bonus point that I got to level 6 is wasted. I want to fix it as soon as possible. However, I don't have the class myself. My case is not even recorded in the books and I asked everyone in the bar but I was asked back by them. Dia insists on becoming Swordsman, when I asked him how he did it, his answer just holds a sword then he became a Swordsman.

I couldn't figure out how everyone got their class.

When I'm thinking about the class, Dia comes to give his suggestion.

「With level 6, we could advance deeper. Today, let's try to explore as much further as we can go」

That's a good idea. Since I'm on my vacation today J

「Eh, are you on a break?」

「Yup, I got a break for one day after three days of work. I was told to take a break when the day of sun」

The day of sun. Probably, it's Sunday of saying in my original world.

「OH? Then, let's go to explore the whole day today!」

「Why not?」

With our current level, we could do hunting near around 10th level. So we are going to hunt at around 10th level. Our growth and skill are too strong.

With our current situation, level 6 could be compared equally to the explorer's status who are level 10. This is perhaps something caused by the Quality. Anyway, other than me and Dia, all human beings whom I met so far their Quality doesn't even reach 1.00. My point of Quality is 7.00 and Dia is 5.00.

「All right, Let's go─」

Dia energetically rushed into the Labyrinth. I follow him from behind.

Today, since we walk on the correct path which secured by the country, I will have no problem to follow Dia's lead. From behind of Dia, I walked as if I watch a naughty little brother or little sister

Part 6

「We arrived at the 3rd level─」

We reached the 3rd level just in one hour. Perhaps, due to our increased status, we don't feel much fatigue. Dia is in joy because she is reaching the 3rd level of the Labyrinth.

The monster that appeared on the correct path was not that much. Because the country puts a barrier which protects human on the correct path. I got painful experience by not recognise correct path earlier so I had everyone in the bar taught me about it.

I could arrive at the next level of the Labyrinth with the correct path, and the stairs are made to close the distance between levels in the Labyrinth. Currently, the correct path is being initialized until the 23th level of the Labyrinth. The current peoples are exploring until this far. This Correct Path is an achievement of Glenn who is called the strongest.

However, the correct path is still stagnant recently. When the first time correct path was built, it reached the 20th level of the Labyrinth at once and it has advanced again only by three level for these several years. Rumour has said that after the 20th level, it is really different compared to the previous level.

It is not likely the correct path is a success since the trial in the level is not completely cleared yet. The strongest explorer, Glenn didn't able to defeat the guardian of 10th level and 20th level, he leaves that matter for later. In that rumour, in future prospect, the Labyrinth's explorer will find difficult to conquer the Labyrinth.

「It is a good idea to advance deeper since I'm planning to reach 10th level today」

「Eh, Really!?」

Twe are just following the correct path so it will not be a problem. We will understand the enemy's level if we fight once for each level of the Labyrinth J

[I get it. If you say so I will believe you, Sieg]

For some reason why Dia puts high expectation in me? I don't warn him since we are having an important talk.

「I will take the lead soon. In case of emergency, I have to become your shield, since it doesn't mean the monster will not appear on the correct path.」

[No, I want to show my swords skill since I'm level 6 now]

「Ah, that's fine until 5th level」

「I understand if you are not allowing me, I get it, but...I do want to show my swords—eh? is that ok?」

[I don't mind if until 5th level]

I already prepared in advance to answer Dia's proposal.

We will be fine until 5th level according to what I saw from Dia's status of level 6.

Dia's strength is around 4.00 point. Before, Dia's strength didn't even reach 1.00 so he wasn't able to damage much to the monster. From what I observed the customers of the bar, their average strength is about 3.00 to 5.00 and they can stand the exploring until 5th level.

That is why the level and strength is important.

Besides, it is a good idea to get Dia customized to the close range combat and I, at the long range combat.

Thanks, Sieg! J

It will not be a problem until the 5th level, I don't mind....Hey, hear me out, Oy!!!J

Dia expresses joyfully. He hugs me suddenly but I shake him off and pretend in a hurry. The short cut hair, Dia claims himself as a man but he has a face like a woman. I feel like much awareness if he gets too close to me.

His gesture reminds me of my younger sister above all. This thinking is the greatest taboo for me.

If I thought about my little sister, its make me want to clear this Labyrinth right

away. But that is not good.

As much as possible, it is better to not think about my little sister for a while.

For now, one day one level (level of Labyrinth) is enough. It's possible to reach the 100th level within a year. To losing composure, wasting [???], reckless things, seriously injured, those are all of the things that I should avoid.

At least, in one year I should not reveal my [Kanami Aikawa]'s personality.

I'm Sieg, the explorer who is aiming the deepest part of the Labyrinth. That will be fine for now.

「Haha, All right. Let's drift away a little from correct path and beat some monster!」

[Eh? hold on, that will be wasting time if we drifted away from the path—]

「But, the monster may not appear until we reach 5th level」

That can't be helped]

It is going to take some time again to persuade Dia, so I approved his Idea.

「Ok, Let's go~」

Dia drifted away from the path and looking for the monster.

I, at the behind of Dia, using the 《Dimension》looking for the monster.

In a few minutes, I sense a monster immediately.

It's a big feathered fish which swims into the air. At the 3rd level, the dominant monster is the aquatic monster since there is a lot of lake and rivers. Among them, especially the sky fish make an appearance. If this was in my world, it's going to be a big news.

「Dia, there is a monster after the next corner. The name is sky fish. Be careful not to get bitten by it since it is swimming into the air」

[I get it]

Honestly, by knowing the information in advance the outcome is already been decided. It is no exaggeration to say that the information could make the outcome of the battle. I recalled something like that was written in the book Sun

Tzu's statement, so I reaffirm about the foul condition of 《Dimension》.

[Hahhh!]

Dia, after turned the corner, immediately trying to cut the sky fish.

Perhaps Dia was boasting too much, so they are exchanging sword now. The sky fish is going to bite for a sudden assailant. Dia block the attack with main part of his sword.

Apparently, he could read its movement.

To avoid him being injured, I'm going to cast the magic to cover him.

「Magic 《Ice Rapid Making Arrow》」

I'm concentrating and the freezing magic is reciting.

This magic is the useless magic that I used before. At that time my level was low and my image wasn't enough. After at the bar I made a conclusion based on the conversation with the magicians, I made a new magic (Ice Rapid Making Arrow).

The important part is "Image".

During I generate the ice, I imagine a sharp thing keenly. It is long like an arrow which is attached to Ice, Ice arrow.

After a few seconds, on my hands, I hold an Ice arrow which has resulted from my image earlier.

But it cannot be shot like how in the game. If that the case, it is not 《Ice•Rapid Making Arrow》 anymore, but the real thing 《Ice Arrow》 This is different. I grab the Ice arrow onto my hand.

「Dia. I'm going to throw the Ice arrow, so you stay back a little」

ΓI, I get it]

Dia pulls back and takes a distance from the sky fish.

With 《Dimension》, I grasp the position and I throw the Ice Arrow accurately.

With my throwing which is my strength and dexterity increased by turning level 6, I could strike the sky fish with terrifying speed and accuracy.

The level of sky fish is not level 1 but level 3. The sky fish spin its body because it realises my attack.

My Ice Arrow hit its wing. As the result, the sky fish is losing its posture. And Dia, to not lose the chance he approaches it with his sword.

He slashed the sky fish, splitting it in two by his sword. Due the increased strength, Dia surely is able to defeat it with one attack.

[], I did it.....!]

Dia seems not to believe in his strength, then he is starring the defeated monster and his sword. Before long the sky fish is emitting light and vanished.

「Congratulation」

Thanks, Sieg. How do I put it, I'm really happy. This is my dream since I was child, to defeat a monster with a sword.

While he is saying so, Dia clench strongly his sword on his hand.

I wonder he has some sort of feelings to the sword? By looking he swing his sword, I know that his sword is old and I confirm the details of his sword.

[Treasured Sword of Array House]

Attack 5 add to Dexterity 20% for increase the attack power.

Then shall we advance while defeating the monster on the way?]

「Yeah!」

Dia responded, his face shows no more hesitations.

I'm a little in trouble with him using his sword, but I'm glad to look at his happy face.

After that, we repeated the battle several times by taking the level 3's monster as the opponent. Even to make Dia as the vanguard, we are able to pass monsters without rushing.

We didn't find any trouble by passing the 3rd level 4th level of the Labyrinth, and advance to the 5th level.

We could see the part of the 5th level from here.

A monster which has the scorpion shape, Onyx Scorpion evades the sword which is swung by Dia.

「Look out, Dia!」

「─Waaa, Sorry!」

I block the monster's attack by advancing in front of Dia.

The surprised Dia by the monster's attack, get panicked and backing down.

After I confirm Dia has pulled back to the safe distance, I change the 《Dimension》to 《Dimension Battle Operation》mode, I attack it with my full force.

By not considering Dia's support, I attack the onyx scorpion. I Pierce the center part's body of Onyx scorpion by not blocking its attack with my sword but avoid its attack with my body. I pierced the Onyx Scorpion and its body is emitting light then vanished.

That was close, That was close, fuuu— J

Th, Thanks, Sieg. Are you all right...?]

Dia is timidly looking at my complex face. In the battle just now, I might find myself in the dangerous situation. Thanks to (Dimension) could make it. Dia seems to be worried about me.

「No, No problem!」

「But, Sieg─」

「Oi Oi—Were you about to die just now!」

Dia's words were interrupted by the man's voice.

「You, it's you!」

「You are the level 1 whom I met before, aren't you? As I thought, to be about to die in this kind of place. hahaha!」

The man who is carrying a large sword shows up. There are 3 people who seem his companion around him.

I'm not surprised to have them approaches us since I'm using the 《Dimension》

If the fighting scene occurred, It won't have a problem with the people who are in this level of Labyrinth, so I didn't pay attention to them.

This man is... Hmmm, at that time...

Anyway, he is the man who made a ruckus with Dia who was still level 1 in the bar. I don't remember his name.

「Shut up! It's not like I was going to die! I was just careless!」

「Oi Oi, He said he was careless in the Labyrinth. My goodness, what a stubborn brat. It's not weird for you to die here」

Apparently Dia and this man have a bad relationship.

I leave the two of them alone.

By the way, after I confirmed the man's status. His name is Alken. A swordsman and level 9. I didn't find any special about his companion.

I could judge, I'm able to defeat his party by myself after looking at their status. There is no monster at our surrounding as well. I think there is no risk if these two squabbled.

This bastard, are you looking for a fight!

Toi Oi, It will be us who are bullying the weakling. More than that, this place is near to correct path. Our fight could be seen by the other people you know?

I don't think this man, Alken has caught me using 《Dimension Battle Operation》. It's supposed opposite you are the one that weakling,

Rather than that, Alken said that if we fought, it would be seen since we are near to the correct path. There seems the correct path has a security role as crime prevention after all.

[I'm not weak! I will not lose to all of you!]

Toi Oi, It is you who are looking for a fight! I don't have time for this shit. We are in the middle of finishing the quest from the Guild I

Alken shrugged his body while saying so.

He is right, the one who is looking for a fight is Dia. Even though Dia doesn't have any skill for PvP, he surely has confident to challenge him. His posture has a

bad shape with his confident.

To be honest, I'm not interested in those two's fight. My interest is directed to the quest which is commissioned by the Guild.

Guild.

It's the place where the explorer who have the same interest gathering and cooperating community. The information that I know, Guild has many kinds. For example like the place where the beginners are gathering. Perhaps the quest which given to the guild is by the Big Guild.

However, I don't have time to care about people's gathering. I must hurry to surpass the limit of the human in this world. It doesn't mean if I didn't gather, I won't be able to explore.

But, I'm interested in the quest part. I take its interest since its like how in the game that I like.

[I'm different compared to before! Running away?!]

「......Humph, like I will run away! But, we are the explorer of the guild. I cannot fight in the public place. Let's see, how about we compete to finish our quest?」

Alken distorts his face when he said about interesting things.

「Compete to clear your quest?」

Yeah, we are in the middle of monster subjugation. Thus regularly, this quest is given by the country to the powerful explorer.

[Hey, all of you is not powerful at all]

「Well, don't be like that. So it is. If you say you are not weak, then show me by clearing this monster subjugation」

「.....Ohh, I will take your challenge. I'll take you on」

Dia approved his challenge.

Well, I didn't interfere their quarrel. Honestly, sounds like fresh and fun things might occur. The mood is becoming good.

Then...What would be the bet?

Alken further distorts his face.

To me, his word now is outside of my tolerance.

[Fine, I will bet anything]

「We will hear everything you demand us to do, but, I don't see any value things with you. I wanted to bet on money but seems like you don't really have it」

「Kkkh, I don't have that much of money」

Dia makes a bitter face.

「Well then, if you lost I will sell your body and turn it into money. You are rough, but you have a good face there. If you were sold it would be in high price. hahahaha」

「Humph, Fine. If I lost, you can do anything to me. But, if you lost, you have to cry apologise to me and leave some money!」

「Ok, with this we made an aggreeme—」

「─Wait, Dia. Stop with this foolish betting. If the bet is another story」

I intended to respect Dia as much as possible by following the flow but this is the limit that I could tolerate him.

Though it is good to bet to boast his pride and dignity but this is not acceptable.

「Oh, What's with you. This is a match between me and this brat」

The is right. I don't want to put my trouble into you, so this will be a match between me and him I

I consider Alken is offended.

Dia, his blood goes up to his head and not seeing his surroundings.

I won't stop if the fight only to compete with each other. Since it doesn't mean it's going to be about someone die, a peaceful one. It will be settled the event with their abilities.

However, I won't allow that kind of match with betting.

Dia is mine.

I will never permit this and allow the flow to this man, Alken's favor.

They are already prepared for this quest before they entered this Labyrinth with four people. We could see there is a great difference between us and them. More than that, you will not win with just all of your power alone. The favor is not with you, and above all, there is a gap about the experience. Furthermore, since they are selected by the guild so the outcome of how the match is clear enough, it's already been decided by them. And yet, you offer your body as the bet is a foolish thing! Idiot! A great Idiot! J

I rapidly try to persuade him.

「Uu…Uu……」

Dia hears my explanation about the strict condition and mumbling himself. However, he received my explanation without being enraged. It may because he trust me so he cannot ignore my advice.

「Above all, the stupid things are why didn't you try to consult it with me at first? to not dragging me, first it will be no win」

And, I try to appeal myself to him.

「Oh, I get it what you mean. It doesn't mean I said 1 on 4, but how about 2 on 2?」

Alken accepts my participation for 2 on 2.

But I decline his suggestion.

No, It doesn't mean I intend to do 2 on 2. To me, it's better not have a match. Because I don't find any chances for us to win J

「Ah, Sieg, thats─」

Dia starts objecting my attitude.

By raising his hand.

And, I pull him near me and I whisper to him.

Γ—Are you trying to compete by throwing everything? I will say it clearly, I don't find any worth to do with them. If we would be able to win,

Next, the story will go to about how did we who were low level until recently, were able to defeat them. Our unique skill should be hidden not to reveal it too much. If it not, several stupid problems surely will occur.

「.....But, I want to beat them with all of my power. I want to give them a lesson. You might think of me like a child, but this is more important for me to be recognised」

Dia persists in a small voice.

To be recognised. It seems he is ready to pay his life for this.

I sigh.

We should back down for now. To not make them as the opponent, it best to look back for the best result.

However, Dia doesn't settle with it. I know him because I have been with him for a long time. I feel sorry for him if I'm not letting Dia settle it today.

「Haa, I get it! I get it! There may be like that」

「Really? Sieg!」

Dia loses in his enthusiasm. It doesn't mean Dia let out his tears on his teary eyes like a beautiful woman.I want to think like that.

I feel quite stress over it. I want to do a favor for Dia, and it's not a bad thing to look at Alken's tearful face.

「Oi! You, in the end, what should we do? Are you going to run away with your tail? or are you going to do it?」

Alken shouts about what should we do.

I glance at Dia, I give him a signal that just leave it to me. Dia Immediately nodded to my signal.

「Oh, I will do it after all.」

「Oh, you are not going to do it but you are going to do it, after all, huh? I surprise you looks clever」

Alken looks like he is tired to our hesitant. Apparently he is observing me well. Risking life in this Labyrinth, and as the party leader.

「Well then, Let's decide about the condition」 I laugh.

My face might do a merciless smile in dreadfulness. Alken and his companion held their breath.

「Ok, How will we decide to win and lose?」

Let's decided it simply with only by the number of subjugation. It will be enough for us if you could tell us the characteristic of the monster.

[Is that all? there will be no handicap?]

「Ah, please put one handicap. Let us decide for the time limit. the limit is 1 hour」

[Hey, it might not you two or us would be able to defeat even one monster]

No, It might you are able to defeat one monster, aren't you? Constantly, it might us are able or not. Are you going to take the challenge? Time is precious.

I offer the condition that is the most advantageous to us according to the flow of the story and experience.

If you usually look for a specific one kind of monster, it would make running around during one hour.

For them, it might they know the location of the monster according to the information they got so they definitely find one monster. And, they are holding it.

Anyway, I picked short-term match with using their speculation that we won't even get one monster. Even they should not be able to take time for this trouble. It's hard to think that the quest which given by the guild have no time limit.

「Ah, Aaa Ok. Fine, let's do it according to your suggestion. Certainly, time is surely precious. So, what is the bet? Are you so to decide?」

Alken seems to be wary of me who suggest the condition plainly.

Rather than that, if you lost, are you really able to pay it? I feel like if you lost, you are going to leave your responsibility at the end \(\)

TAh, since you are the one who is from the far country Fania, you don't know

huh? In the great country, if we made oath of the duel on the magic stone line, it will be recorded in the document by the country. As the result, no matter what the excuse if you violate the oath it is going to make you become a great criminal even if you escaped. It will be no problem even we are in the Labyrinth if we use magic stone line which is on the correct path.]

Alken explains which is easy to be understood by me.

And me, I have a doubt in the Duel and oath system. I hold it to not investigate it for now.

The customers of the bar may know about me who is from a far country, Fania. I'm well to be known as the staff who is from Fania, looking for a fortune then met a terrible experience by having burnt wound.

[I see, what a convenient things Then, for the bet is, let's see...]

The bet is?

Thow about to bet all of our owned money? For insufficient amount, it can't be helped to go with your talking that you had before.

I suggested it with a smile on my whole face.

Thus, Alken and his companion twitched their face and I watched them with joy.

Part 7

[Well then, Let's begins. If we start this, you cannot back down...]

「Yes, I don't mind」

As a result, all of our suggestion was consented by our agreement.

After that, I don't care with having provoked them about 2 on 4, it's already impossible for them to withdraw anyway. After being said this far, if the condition is loosened more, it will be labelled as the coward. They should have pride by being an explorer for a long time for deciding this match.

In the first place, they think that we are low-level children who wouldn't be able to defeat them, this is only one-sided exploitation for them. In what kind of whatever the condition is, they have no reason to refuse.

I think one of the common sense of this world is about level. They even couldn't guess that we are level 6.

And, after we made an oath on the correct path, he shares the information of the monster to us.

The name of the monster is Hang Shadow. The characteristic of the monster is a black liquid living thing that sticks like a shadow on the wall of the Labyrinth. The monster often makes a surprise attack on explorers from the shade and committing suicide by hanging its victim. The physical attack that was given by a sword is not effective unless with a powerful physical attack. The effective attack is with Magic Attack. I decided the victory of the match by the numbers of defeated monster because there seems to be an inherent drop item.

Let's begins!

Alken said so and immediately the two groups begin to move. Honestly, I really want to observe their move, but it was decided to split into two groups. I can see they become serious.

「Dia, do you get it?」

「Ah, Yeah I get it」

We don't make a move.

The men are wondering about us by glancing at us. Even so, the men don't come back.

After I confirmed that they disappeared from our view, I spread out my magic.

「Well then, Let's win from them triumphantly—Magic 《Dimension Multiple Expansion》」

At the same time as I'm casting the magic, I swing my right arm sideways.

I'm getting used handling the 《Dimension》which taking information in the widespread area only in an instant and with minimum consumption of MP.

In the information that comes to my mind, I could recognize monster's figure in my brain because the view by the Dimension is reflected inside my brain. I suppressed the consumption of MP by limiting the useless move. And, I found several hidden Hang Shadow.

I could suppress the consumption of MP by one digit, it's a good job for me.

I have found the target. Certainly, they might be monsters with an excellent hiding skill, but it doesn't apply to me. This match, definitely our victory.

「As expected, Sieg. For a moment, there is no active role for me, but it can't be helped......」

No, Dia's magic should become the main part of this match I

We begin to run while joking with each other.

In this complicated Labyrinth, we go through the shortest path to reach the target. Thanks to the Dimension I could grasp their position and if we were close to the target, I will pinpoint their position to Dia. After that be prepare to snipe from far away.

There is one which close to us. Well then. Do the same things like we did to the previous Boss. Go put your arm on top of my arm.

「Ok. Go, 《Flame Arrow》!」

A flash of light split the darkness.

The first one died instantly without problems. Immediately we pick the

dropped items and move for the next target. Our team work's efficiency is really high since Hang Shadow is not really moving that much.

「Yes, Next, Shoot it—」

「Ah, Ya. —《Flame Arrow》!」

Also, the second died instantly without a problem.

It does not even pass the 10 minutes yet. I look at my remaining MP, I think it would be enough for one hour. With the second use of 《Dimension Multiple Expansion》, I have found another target far away.

「Yes, Let's go for another」

Γ—《Flame Arrow》!」

We hunt the Hang Shadow without any problem. Sometimes they still could evade from our snipe, but still I'm good, even they conceals their appearance. As long as I use the (Dimension), there is no place for them to hide from my sight.

The hunting is going well.

The only thing I'm worrying about is the voice when Hang Shadow death, the voice gradually becomes louder.

Because the surroundings monster doesn't make a move in response to the Hang Shadow's voice, I continue the hunting without thinking that much. There will be no lost in this match for us, and now we are still in the middle of the match. I decided not to think too much.

But, their voice of death still echoed in my ears. I have a bad feeling about their scream.

And, less than in one hour, we obtain drop items from the 11 Hang Shadow.

「.....That's enough. Let's go back」

Then we are heading to the meeting place.

The meeting place is near to the 5th level's stairs which direct to the 6th level of the Labyrinth.

For each level only has two doorway, so we just go follow the correct path and then we wait for Alken and his companion at the meeting place. Before long, Alken and his companions came back from their hunting and we identify each other's dropped items.

Alken and his companion's face becomes pale.

That's Impossible.....!!!]

「Unbelievable!」

[Wait, Alken! This is your fault!]

The four people still can't believe about the reality they are facing now. Well, that may be the case. Only in one hour, they will lose all of their money.

Alken shouts.

This is a lie!!! You two must be cheating!!! Right? It's unbelievable!! The other one might be a veteran but that brat was level 1 you know? However, they got 11? 11 you know? J

To catch the moment, Alken approaches us.

His reaction is just as expected.

「No, We really did beat 11」

That's right, that's right, stop making excuse!!! We, especially Sieg is really strong. So it as expected!

Dia follows to my objections.

Its pointlessness to be manly now.

[Imp, impossible! That bastard of the bar staff over there is just from the countryside! Much more he got beaten up before! Unbelievable with this kind of his achievement!]

Alken repeats his word [Unbelievable]

Perhaps he assumed that we pick the dropped items somewhere or we possessed it beforehand. The situation becomes bad unexpectedly.

「Shit! Oi! you guys go surround them」

And, Alken is using force for his action.

I also expected this already.

After all, in such a match, only the strong man can stand for victory.

The strong one cheats the weak. Thus, the match will be directed in that direction. Well, there is no other rules.

Perhaps, it is thanks to my experience that I had before when I was on my first day to come in this world. The weak me asked for help but, just the opposite, they used me for escaping.

I hold strong hostility for their selfish behavior,

FWell, well, the situation became like this after all. If we are the one who lost here and do the same things like you are doing it now, you think that you would be able to trample down us, right? That's why you set a competition. And, if you are the one who get defeated it will become a fighting scene. You are just trying to plunder the weak who don't know anything and take their money, right? That's all J

I criticise Alken coldly.

\[\script{So what?! In this world, only the strong one can survive!!!]} \]

I respond to Alken's shout.

「Duel my ass, Oath my ass. It will be no problem for you to escape from this country, right? After dealing with us and escape to another country, then makes another scheme to get rich quickly」

From the beginning, such rule is nothing at all.

Like I want to puke and spit out over it.

[Haa, you get it after all. Even if it not from the Labyrinth, the moneymaking can be done elsewhere. Well my bad, but I will have you die in this place]

Alken pulls out his sword and his companion behind follows him as well.

I give up having the conversation with them, then I talk to Dia.

「See? Dia! Like I said before, they are not worth at all」

「Aaaa......, you are right, Sieg......」

Dia looks down by the Alken is using force and violate the duel.

He might have been believing that the match is fair. If he wins this, he will be acknowledged by them. Perhaps that is what he thought. However, that's what only in the dream.

The left is a quarrel with the name of violence only. Dia is still in shocks even though we did a fair duel and made an oath.

The rest is, leave it to me. Dia just stands back]

Γ.....I want to help]

「No, It's ok just me alone」

I pull out my sword.

My remaining MP is about 30 percent. In a case of emergency I left some MP for this kind of situation. It still enough to overwhelm them.

And, I mutter myself.

「−Magic 《Dimension Battle Operation》」

You shit brats!!!

In front of me, Alken tried to stab me.

More, his companions, the human beast fellow of swordsman and the human beast with his light spear follows after Alken's attack. In addition, the Magician woman who had started to chant a magic could be seen. Based on my vision, I take to control the shortest route to take the initiative.

Alken's sword grazes the space in front of me.

Too slow.

Alken's movement is too slow for me. Though his level is higher than me. However, his dexterity and speed are lower than me. Furthermore, with the 《Dimension Battle Operation》, I could take his hit and evade it.

With the absolute difference in abilities, I could make a dash to him.

First, I cut lightly with my sword on Alken's dominant hand, next is to hurt his both legs. I make sure that Alken falls down then I dodge the attack from spear's user. Then, I cut his dominant hand with my sword. As it is, I make sure his foot cannot be moved then I head to the direction where the magician is chanting her

magic. Along the way, the human beast throws itself towards me while roaring, before it swings down its sword, I cut its hand. Then I hurt the swordsman of the human beast's leg so the pain will run to its head. At the end, I point out the tip of my sword at the neck of magician woman who was about to cast a magic just now.

I did it just in a few seconds.

I talk in a voice as low as possible.

The things which I seek from this match is not money. My wish is, you who insulted Dia, never appear in front of us again. So, I will not do anything if all of you just get lost from my sight.

「Un, unbelievable.....」

Alken and his companions are muttering while their hand has been cut by me.

The fight is finished only in several seconds. I believe they don't have this kind of experience. They are in surprise, my sword is seen to be pointed at their magician.

「I want you to answer me quickly. If you didn't say to withdraw, I will have to hurt you guys more」

As I speak, my sword which pointed at the magician's neck is getting closer to her neck.

[1, I get it! I surrender. I will get lost from your sight immediately]

First, the magician woman whom I pointed at her neck with my sword is admitting to surrender.

Along with the situation, the human beast of swordsman and spear's user also shows the intention of giving up.

「Damn it! We did it on the correct path. This country doesn't need us anymore」

And, Alken and his companions talk about going out from the country.

The difference between our powers is obvious. I cannot help but to let them escape.

Above all, Since our purpose is not their money we keep quiet about their decision.

「Good, it is resolved in this way. Let's hope not to meet each other again」

I said so and urged Alken to get out of this place by pointing my sword out.

If we got out from this country, you will not do anything to us. won't you? J

FI won't. But, since I'm going to report this accident to the Guild, so all of you better get out from the Allied Nation and get lost from our sight right away that will be saved us from trouble.

「Damn it! I will get lost from your sight right away」

Alken immediately begins to walk out.

The human beast of the swordsman is helping Alken to walk, the four people are settled and get out of this place right away. Their quarreling in a small voice still can be heard.

I don't care about it and see them off in this way.

They soon disappear from our sight then I let my breath out.

「Haaaa......」

「So, Sorry. I have put you into trouble because of me」

To that end, after they gone, Dia apologise to me while bowing his head.

 \lceil No, I was angry at them too. If they appeared in my sight again, I will get rid of them \rfloor

「I, I didn't have that kind of intend...... I just want to be acknowledged by them, that's all......」

Though it relieved the stress by making Alken and his companions tearful on their face, but Dia doesn't seem to be like that. Perhaps Dia who have good or worse sincerity was just trying to get praised by having a good fight.

However, that's just only in the dream.

「Sorry, but that's more difficult. With that kind of their nature, it is just difficult」

For example, do I recognise this world? ——It's a difficult question.

「So.....What should we do about today?」

「Well, My MP has decreased, so we better go ba—」

「─No, you will trouble me if you went back now」

My suggestion is being interrupted by the voice from above.

It is not the voice of Alken and his companions. The voice is more low, dry, and horrible voice.

I'm surprised by the impolite voice, and I jumps backward.

Because I was too focused about Alken and his companions with using 《Dimension Battle Operation》, I lost my guard about another passing explorer on the correct path.

Dia also jumps back after me.

「Ah, you surprised? But, you will trouble me if you went back now. Since it's rare to be able to meet the child like you. Ah, I did a disgraceful act」

The owner of the voice is on the ceiling of the Labyrinth.

The figure is similar to the Hang Shadow that we hunted some time ago. Similar but completely different. The shape of Hang Shadow is not a human shape, and more they are not able to speak.

However, this fellow makes a black liquid such as the shadow man and talks with its intelligence.

The black liquid wriggling its body. It doesn't have fair lines on its face. A genuine talking monster appeared. The monster sticks on the ceiling and the monster facing toward us.

I immediately use [Observe] to confirm the details of the monster.

[The guardian of 20th level] The one who steal a law of nature of the darkness.

It is not a human.

And, the level is not attached to this monster, but it is written that this

monster is the guardian of 20th level.

The monster with the black face is laughing.

Fufufu, I'm the guardian of the 20th level of this Labyrinth, the one who steal the law of nature of the darkness. Best regards!

And, its self-introduction told us that it is the boss monster that is the guardian of the 20th level of this Labyrinth.



Chapter 4: Before this body vanishing in the darkness, you wished for the 20th level

Part 1

In this world, I'm strong. I don't know why I'm sure about it, but this world is doing me a favor.

I'm talented, in the system, and in magic.

That's why Alken was overwhelmed by my power.

I understood that the power I had for these few days and also I have proved it.

Simply said, I was too carried away with my power.

I, who obtained this power that equals to the experts of this world just in few days, I thought there will be no match for me in this Labyrinth.

But, that is a mistake.

There is a superior being in this room now. I just heard it on the day before yesterday.

And at the present time, this superior being is threatening our life now while talking happily in front of us.

「I felt that there is a human who was able to hunt Hang Shadow in amazing speed. I came to look for the situation. I thought the party was about 6 people but I was wrong」

The black liquid has a shape resemble a human, is talking and introduce itself, its name is Tidus.

No words coming from me and Dia.

The alarm keeps ringing in my head. This guy is dangerous. This guy will be surprisingly tough. It will be a one-sided battle. The magic power which is radiated from its body is terrifying. It's dangerous if this situation turned into a

battle.

The remaining is only 2 people whom I get interested in.How about it? Are you gonna take my trial? All this time, though the human reached at last up to the 23th level, but they evade the trial of the 20th level. If you defeated me, you will become a Hero, you know? J

The black living being is simmering while laughing.

Its invitation is similar to the invitation of the devil.

While I'm thinking about how we should get out of this place, Dia instead tries to speak with the black living being.

「Y, You are...Hmm...You are the one who weren't able to be defeated by anyone, aren't you」

[Indeed]

Certainly, your shape is like what the rumor says... That the strongest explorer, Glenn wasn't able to clear the trial of the 10th Level and 20th level. The legend that can't be defeated even by the strongest is you, huh?

Thow nostalgic. Years has passed since the last time I met Little Glenn. People said that he was good, but he still a little bit wasn't enough for me.

I see. This guy existence is legendary, even an expert explorer have to run away if they met this powerful guy.

I grasped the situation, the option that we have is only one.

「−Dia, let's run away!」

There is no reason to take a risk here.

It's not a good decision to decide to fight the boss of the 20th level with my MP and stamina run out.

And more, this place is the 5th level. Our level is 6.

This guy is the opponent that we shouldn't fight.

I shouted at Dia and at the same time, we try to run away from this place.

TWe are in the middle of a talk, I won't let you run away. I leave it to you, Alty J

However, we are being stopped by the girl who is standing on our escape path.

The girl is called Alty who is inferior to the Tidus.

The girl has short red hair as her appearance and her body wrapped in a lot of bandages which engraved her character. More than that, her both feet are too abnormal. Her feet are not a flesh which the blood is running in it but a real fire. The girl who is spewing green flames under her bandages is floating in the air.

「Stop!!!」

Another monster named Alty shows an overpowering feeling by not letting us pass her.

I look up at her status.

The guardian of the 10th level The one who steal a law of nature of the fire. I'm lost my words.

As expected, this fellow is the guardian of the 10th level.

——, Hey, this is the 5th level you know! Why many bosses are making their appearance in this place?!!

I shout in my mind, complaining about this situation.

「Sieg, we have no option but to do it. I feel that whoever the opponent is we will be able to win. That's what I believe」

I heard Dia's voice behind me.

Dia understood about our situation and he prepares to pull his sword.

—Wait, wait wait. He is not listening.

Even though Dia wants to do this, but I don't want to do it. This is funny. In the first place, it is weird for them to make their appearance in the 5th level. It is not normal.

「Wait, Dia!!!」

I try to stop Dia.

And, I decide to make a conversation with the monster.

Because it is possible to talk with this monster. Therefore, there must be a way

besides to fight it.

「Excuse me....., are you called Mr.Tidus?」

To respond my call, Tidus shakes his neck.

「You can call me without putting honorific on me. It's a human and monster. Otherwise, the atmosphere will not be built」

「I'm sorry, Tidus. We don't expect any trial from you. Even at once in now, we just want to get out from this place......」

I show that I don't have any intention to fight against Tidus.

Thee....., You don't have any intention to fight with me? But, hey. You are human and I'm a monster. Don't you think a fight will occur if we encountered each other?

This bastard—!

Though we don't have any intention to accept its trial, it seems won't give us any option.

Tidus is throbbing its black liquid to shows its fighting spirit.

TWe are definitely had to fight, aren't we? Nah, the answer is clear I

I approach Dia while keeping the conversation. To, whatever happens, I have to keep in touch with Dia.

There must be a suitable case to take a trial of the Labyrinth. I feel that you two are suitable to take this trial.

Apparently, Tidus cannot wait any longer. Tidus praised us and trampling us down for his own encouragement.

「Sieg, let's prepare for the worst. We are inside of the Labyrinth, this kind of case may happen at anytime」

Dia is also the same.

The powerful enemy, Tidus is laughing. Dia as if to say able to defeat this formidable enemy by himself and he is not hiding his fighting spirit at all.

Dia shows his bad habit again.

ΓOh, the other one over there is getting it after all. He is good. You are really good. Your talent is good and more you have a good face as well. You, you are really similar to that of those Heroes J

[Certainly, he is similiar.....]

Tidus is pleased by Dia's fighting spirit and Alty gives its respond.

「Well then, shall we start?」

Then, finally, Tidus sends his ultimatum to us.

Part 2

And, Tidus gave his final ultimatum.

I get behind Dia immediately, in response Alty takes a posture.

Seeing us, Tidus recalled something.

「Ah, I don't have any intend to do 2 on 2. After all, to against a boss shall be one boss」

Tidus halved their advantages with its light talk in order to keep its fashioned battle.

Looks like they have some kind of rules but I'm trying to think for the way out from here.

「Who is going to be the first? Hey, Alty. Don't you think it should be you, who is the closest one as the guardian of the 10th level?」

「No, I'm good. There is still something I want to do in this world...... And just a little more step I would be able to solve it」

「I see. So, I will do it. It's fine for you to just close the door of this room. Go block it with the flame of yours」

[] got it]

The monsters, happily, decide to make a preparation. while on the other side, I'm concerned about how this situation will turns out. If there was a chance I want to run away, but there wasn't. However, from what I heard from their conversation we were avoided from the battle of 2 on 2.

Alty is spewing her flames from her body to cover the entrance, exit, and walls with her black flame.

「Since we are on the correct path, I'm not going to wait for you that long, Tidus. Very well then, see you」

「Oh, Thanks, Alty」

After Tidus said so, Alty has disappeared into the flames.

The situation which surrounded us by many bosses has been solved.

However, as her souvenirs, the path of escape has disappeared as well.

Come on, our battlefield has been built. Now, here is the 20th level. This is my area, Tidus as the one who steal a law of nature of the darkness. I'm sorry for the sudden on your business trip. Well, think of this room as the 20th level and I have you to take the trial of the 20th level here and now!]

Tidus's face is distorted. It might be serious this time.

The space inside the room has convulsions due to a magical power from its pulsated black liquid body. Humanness body of Tidus is taking a transform.

Its arm is taking a shape to a large blade.

Its foot is taking a shape to the beast-foot.

It is losing its human shape, it transformed into the kind of monster.

「─Magic《Dimension Battle Operation》!」

I cast the magic of Dimension at once. At the same time, Tidus's body bends shamelessly like a cat.

Tidus is quickly approaching to Dia and swings its blade to Dia.

「Dia!」

I jump toward Dia, protecting him from its attack.

「Khh! I was seen, huh?!」

Tidus cries out in excitement.

I'm sorry it didn't turn out to your expectations, but I could see you.

In fact, it was barely enough to catch its movement with my《DImension》.

《Dimension》is the basis of my strength. If this skill wasn't effective, it will be nothing left for me.

Again, in my mind about running away is popping up again. I removed that thinking immediately. Since this situation is not realistic, the opponent's speed is superior, and more, the wall of that black fire is not just a mere flame.

I put my hope on my sword with my shaken hand aiming at Tidus's body.

A metallic sound is echoing in the room.

My attack was blocked by the Tidus's both hand that was transformed into the blade.

And, Tidus is pushing its both hand to push my sword away. It ahead pushing toward my arm. To avoid Tidus's intend, I pull back my hand away which is holding the sword to block its attack. In the blink of an eye, my sword floats into the air. I grab my sword in the air and me thrust the face of Tidus.

Offense and defense in one breath. It was thanks to 《Dimension Battle Operation》.

However, Tidus looks firmly in its eye and it is laughing.

Fufufu, your skill, your speed equals to humans who are level 20! You deserve my trial, after all,]

Γ−《Flame Arrow》!」

Tidus's black body is covered by the flash.

It was due to the magic which was cast by Dia. Thanks to it, a hole is appeared on Tidus's black body.

To not losing this chance, I run to Tidus to cut its body.

「We did it!」

Dia gives the voice of rejoicing to the direct hit of our team work. That body which a hole appear was split into two. We convinced that this is our victory.

However, I let my guard down without alerting the situation.

I'm sweating a cold sweat. My back is in chills.

Tidus's face distorts like a human's face.

And, The hole which appears on its body is closing and its both hand which transformed into the blade are changing into a looks like the quality is increasing. It's both hands is connected and its both hands becomes into a big hammer that mightily attacks us.

I skillfully avoid its attack but that was just the surface of its attack. The way of the its hand weapon to be suddenly changed, it managed to graze my outer body.

「Khh! Uwaa!」

Though it only grazed my outer body, its impact is incredible. My body which is around 60kg was blown off lightly.

By being received the damage, my body roll on the ground of the labyrinth.

It has been a long time I felt this dull pain on my whole body.

Then I notice.

This is my first damage since when I began to using 《Dimension》.

My absolute confidence is cracked.

Fufu, Amazing. To consider that you were able to receive my body's attack with the lovely magic of yours. Your slash is also excellent. That made me died for two times.

The shaped hammer of his hand is undone and Tidus talks happily to be as soft as water.

While thinking about its characteristics, I'm worrying about the received physical damage.

—Oh, really. Its characteristic is like the boss in the game.

Judging from the way of my thinking, there must be a weak point, an attack which effective to damage it, or the main core in its body.

This is crazy. In order to defeat the boss like I did in the game. However, I can not think the same way like in the game naively for defeating this boss. For us, we have no means to defeat a boss today.

This fight shouldn't have occurred.

Fufufu, apparently you are puzzled to look for a way to defeat me. Honestly, I wanted to tell you about the way for defeating me, but if I told you it would become no trial.

It is a good guy to rub up the nerve at the wrong way.

If you wanted to tell me, just tell me!

「Sieg, what should we do!?」

「Just stance like you are doing it now if you found a chance just shoot your magic!!」

I instruct Dia about what should he do and then I throw myself with every effort towards Tidus.

After all, I still don't have enough information. The thing I can do for now is—

Full Energy of 《Dimension Battle Operation》」

This is the only way to torn up that grin on its face in front of me!

「What? you can go faster?!」

I charge desperately towards it and Tidus is feeling admiration in response to my action.

If I did it like the usual way, it will not reach it. In addition, If I think about my remaining MP this decisive battle would able to stand for a short time. But this is my only way but go out to bet.

I lowered my posture while looking for a chance and I grab my sword with my right hand from my left hip to unsheathe my sword. However, I put all of my power and speed only this much. With my remaining magic and stamina, I put all of my power and speed in this attack.

Seeing me, Tidus dropped its hand that was changed into a blade.

I understood the situation thanks to using high-density 《Dimension • Battle Operation》, I can grasp the situation and even its movement in a mili second.

Looks like the time is being compressed and I feels the magic overflowing inside my body and my brain is accelerating. Certainly, the time is in slow motion.

In Instant, I can find the most suitable action for offense and defense.

I'm aiming my blade to the part of Tidus's body when it dropped its hand. Looks like it doesn't expect to my attack in 1 milli second slightly.

As the result, I can only break to its belly.

I still don't loosen my hand.

In respond, Tidus's face changed.

Part 3

Even though Tidus's body is splitting in two, it is still swinging its blade. Realised that, I came to my sense.

The part of the body that was thrown away in the space, Tidus breaks its stance. But I managed to continue to cut its part of Tidus many times by slashing horizontally, vertically and diagonally.

「Damn YYOUUU=! I

I cut, I cut I cut and CUT!

As the result, many parts of Tidus's body fall to the ground.

A black gelatinous liquid is scattered and doesn't go back to the original form.

I beat it.

If this didn't knock it down, what should I do to defeat it?

However, Just like I feared. I still don't feel at ease.

A black liquid wriggles and it modelled a mouth and talk.

「Ka, Kahahahaha. Did I get you hope up? You are good at "Speed" "Ability" if that the case, magic, let's compete in Magic」

In response to its insult before me, I raised my voice out.

「Dia, Shoot your magic!!」

「Don't left me out! 《Flame Arrow!》」

Dia shoot it with his full power.

That 《Flame Arrows》that was just being shooted is unusual than always. Usually it was a flash of light through in an instant but this time is different. The diameter is wide and the irradiation time is long.

Overwhelming heat burns down Tidus's part of body which was scattered on the ground.

However, I have to make sure to not remain even 1 part of its body. But, some

fragments of its body still remaining.

Fragments of its body are crawling around on the ground in order to assemble themselves.

Then, Tidus casts a magic.

[Fuhm, Fufu..., Magic (The sorrow of offspring in the darkness)]

The moment when Tidus cast a magic, a black curtain hangs to my view.

「──!? Damn! what is this! 」

My sight suddenly darkened.

However, the darkness contrast in the room still has not changed. I know that because I'm using 《Dimension》. I understood but it puzzled me.

The changed one is me. The darkness that came to my view is increasing.

Feels like I'm inside in the prison of darkness.

However, I could still pick up the information outside of this black curtain. I understood this is not physically wrapped in the darkness but my mental is.

I allowed you to taste experience in the darkness. My alias name is the one who steals the law of nature of the darkness. However, it doesn't mean I was called as the one who manipulate the darkness. I'm good at manipulating the darkness inside of people's hearts. I'm, so called the monster that specialised in the mental attack. Someone who touched my darkness shall meet a despair.

Tidus is proudly talking about his great magic. There is no weakness but thanks to Tidus's light mouth I can understand something. This is possible to win this battle.

Darkness. Mental attack. Despair.

I dig up my game-like thinking from those words.

「Because you touched me too much」

Tidus pointed out my carelessness.

I feel the black liquid that attaching to my body wriggles. I brush off those things within my range with hand immediately.

While I'm doing so, Tidus managed to finish repairing his body. I can see it even though my view is in pitch black. Also, I can see the distance between me and Tidus with 《Dimension》.

I decided to act according to my game-like thinking.

I'm focusing on myself that I'm not a dark figure.

[Status]

State:Confused 5.29 Mental Corrupted 1.00 Darkness 1.00

I got 2 more statuses.

「Well, let's begin round 2!」(<===Tidus, I guess)</pre>

Part 4

A shadow is approaching and its voice is echoing. I wanted to confirm the condition with my status but looks like I don't have a time for that.

「Kkkh, I can only see but a shadow」

The shadow could do nothing while I'm aiming to stab.

What a brilliant attack I

a heat runs to my shoulder.

Even though the shadows didn't touch me. On the contrary, I feel like I was cut the left of my shoulder and it has been torn.

「Kuuhhh!」

「Well, the requirement is well-ordered. Next, it's my turn... I will take your leg....Magic 《Black Knights losing foots》」

While it said so, Tidus is cracking its finger.

At that moment, my knee breaks.. As it looks like my legs is not on my own, I have no sense of standing with my own legs.

「−Wha, What!?」

I don't know what happened to me. At the same time, Tidus chants a magic.

I try to put some force immediately.

But I still don't know how to stand.

My body is normal, but the order of part of my body don't work normally.

(Status)

State: Confusion 5.30 Mental: 2.00 Dark: 1.00 Paralyze: 1.00 Bleeding: 0.31

This time is "Paralyze—!!"

To this far a powerful magic could be attached to my body even though it would be difficult to attach it to my body. But, you will finish by this!

Then, Tidus of the shadow is approaching.

I don't feel any power inside my body. Due to I used high-speed attack before, my MP left is few.

I feel hopeless.

Scared.

I scared to die.

An abnormal fear is dominating inside my body.

The darkness that clinging inside my heart is growing more and more.

Tidus said that I custom to the darkness.

It felt like I cried amid the dark knight. frightened by darkness, and become uneasy to thinking about death. Such a dark is covering my mind and heart.

「UUU, UUOOOO!!!! Don't get too close to me anymore!!」

I shout aloud like a child.

「Well done, because you have a weak heart you fell to the fear. A weak heart shall be swallowed up by the darkness. I had an expectation of you, but seems like this is your limit」

Cold tones echoing my ear. Its tones are different than before, its tones now are sounds like it is ready to devour me at any time.

Γ—《Flame Arrow》!」

Suddenly a voice like a flash of light runs in my darkness.

It was Dia's magic.

「Sieg, are you alright!?」

Dia who is depressed about me running rush towards me.

It couldn't be I'm alright. If I let this condition keep continues, I wouldn't be able to fight. It wouldn't be possible if I let Dia fight alone. Somehow I have to solve Tidus's magic. Actually, I understand, but...

My tremble's body doesn't stop.

It couldn't be stopped.

The Aa, pretty boy you are here too. A strategy has to rely on others, to complete a magic's cast. But no threat if it just you alone. Well, your magic cast just needs three characters, isn't it? I just have to snatch one of your character voice.

「What are you bubbling about?! Don't get close to Sieg! 《Flam...−─»!?」

It can be seen that Dia is upset in a point of the darkness.

It just as Tidus said, Dia was gotten "Silence" by it.

As the centre to against a boss, Dia is in a bad condition to cast his magic. Unless if I could take the vanguard for him.

You don't have to hurry.

I have to deal this damaged magic on me first, then I must fight.

In order to do that, first is heart...heart?

I noticed a certain possibility.

It worth to try something about my abnormality mind.

「《Flame Arr—!》Errggh, Until just before I could cast it! Why did it just one character couldn't...」

「A magician couldn't do anything without a partner」

It's dark.

It's dark, dark...It's scary, scary, I will die, I don't want to die, I don't want to be finished in this kind of place. I just can't do anything about my sister whom family I left. Justttt Don't Jooooking me aroound!!! I can't die in this kind of place!!!

【Skill "???" is activated】

In exchange for stabilising mind, confusion is added by +1.00

The cause of the skill, the uneasiness is becoming clear.

The darkness of the curtain is becoming thin and my mental is stable now. It doesn't mean that I completely recovered but, I could move my foot by force now. my fighting spirit has back.

I stomp my trembling feets on the ground and perform an attack towards Tidus.

「Stay away from Dia!!!」

「Whaa─!?」

Tidus wasn't able to dodge my surprise attack.

My sword pierced through into the back of Tidus.

Freezing Magic (ICE)!! (Freeze)!!J

The magic is running through to my sword.

I cast all of the freezing magic that I have.

I froze Tidus body from the inside of its body.

I used all of the left my MP. Of course, the MP became 0. However, my magic is still running. Even though my MP already 0.

Then, I realised.

The lack of MP come to exchange of life force (HP), my HP is being pulled.

Status

HP152/197 MP0/262 HP140/190 MP0/262

HP128/183 MP0/262——

-my life is being reduced.

Freeezeeeee, Freeze, Freeeeeeeezzzzzzzeeeeeee!

I bet all of my might with this magic. I used all of my images into this magic.

I'm imagining a cold wave in the south pole, a freezing vibration to the molecular level, the magic named Freeze exploded inside Tidus's body.

The temperature of the room suddenly falls and the black liquid gradually changes into a black solid.

My wound also became freeze.

A sparking came into the view and I could taste of iron filled in my throat.

Because Tidus managed to open its arms and hit me on the cheek.

While taking a distance, Tidus praises me.

「Guhhh!!! You can do it after all!」

I hold my stance and me response to Tidus.

Thanks to the skill "???" my mind became clear now. My legs are also gradually recovering.

In the distance, Tidus raises a laughter.

Fufu, Kuhahahaha!!! Why did you become able to walk?? Why are you able to confront me now? Great! You are pretty good!

Looks like freezing magic is effective on Tidus. However, it doesn't mean it could beat Tidus perfectly. But I will still to try it.

While Tidus is giving a good score for me, I return its talk.

「Apparently, your magic didn't work on me」

Although I feel fatigue and my mass blood running into my brain.

Well, this is still my limit, but I will put up a bluff.

「Is that so? Though I saw you suffered just before and I thought it will take you a while」

[Well, I wonder....]

Tidus looks at me as the enemy and it appears ready to sing again at any time. On the face of Tidus, I can see a distortion of laughter.

In this conversation, I just finished confirming my status.

[Status]

Name: Kanami Aikawa HP101/171 MP0/262 Class: Level6

Strength 4.12 Vitality 4.21 Dexterity 5.11 Speed 7.24 Wisdom 7.23 Magic11.43 Quality 7.00 State: Confusion 6.61 Mental 0.34 Bleeding 0.31

My MP is empty. Even so I still use magic and my HP reduced to the half. That was due to the absurd freezing magic that I used before.

But still I casts a magic again.



Part 5

I rushed to attack Tidus with my reduced HP and the magic which helpful for me, Dimension.

A dagger attack like assassin's come towards me.

It was almost to get a taste of my hit, but it managed to stop my attack. Though My magic 《Dimension》is weakening, the movement of Tidus is worsened as well due to the Freezing Magic that I cast on it before.

If you touched me, you won't be able to avoid my magic, you know? Next is I will take your hand!

Tidus is aiming at me with its hand that transformed. Even though I was able to block its hand, but some liquid adhering to my skin.

Then, I can't feel my hand, but if I dropped my sword I will die. I will die. I can not DIE!!! I don't want to DIE!!! I don't want to DIE!!!

I don't want to DIE!!! I don't want to DIE!!! I don't want to DIE!!! I don't want to DIE!!!

[Skill "???" is activated]

In exchange for stabilising mind, confusion is added by +1.00

I was able to hold my sword properly again.

「AAaaaaaaaaaaaa!!!」

I gripped my sword strongly and aiming at Tidus. And, just like that, I succeed to cut Tidus's neck that was frozen due to my magic that I used to it before.

「Khhhー!」

Tidus is trying to put back its part of the body, but...

It was too late. Despite Tidus tried to turn into black liquid My magic won't be removed that easily.

Like I will let that happen, I tried to cut it again.

The black arm did fly in the sky with rumbling sounds because I cut the elbow of Tidus which the part is freezing.

To got my intention, Tidus makes a jump fall back. And then Tidus makes a jump again to get its arm back.

「You can do it after all! Was my magic really not that effective to you? Hahahaha this is interesting!」

Tidus restores its arm that has been taken back, However, Due to the freezing effect, it was only half recovered.

Crackle sound is sounding because Tidus threw away its part that has been frozen.

It seems the freezing part can not be recovered, huh...]

[Fufufu, just look at the upcoming next round]

[I will take you on!]

I can feel I have a chance to win if I can attack Tidus that in the current situation.

「I should have been able to resist all kind of magic. but just that magic I wasn't able to resist it」

While saying so, Tidus reverse its arm into a blade.

I convinced in my skill of ??? and come closer to Tidus.

「Your power is troublesome such as "calm" "faint" "judgement" "observation"」

Tidus laughs while keeping his distance from me.

And, an abnormality occurs in my body. Even though my dizziness has already gone and I feels refreshed.

Seems I have to cast out my skill of ???, but This time is not my mental condition which became the target. It will increase my chance if I let it out of my skill ??? but I have to save it for later in case that I really need it again.

I cried.

「Once again, I will cut you!!」

In response to my attack, Tidus let out a sword attack.

Despite I cut it many times, Tidus successfully stopped my attack.

This is easy!

I let my guard down and Tidus catch the chance. I was kicked by its foot.

It almost but I failed and I let out a blood on my head.

Still, I rush again toward Tidus with swinging my sword violently.

「Si, Sieg. Please calm down!!!」

Then, I heard a voice from the fallen Dia.

His voice is annoying. Don't stop me from crushing out this piece of shit before me.

[I'm calm down!]

「Obviosly, You are in not normal condition! No matter how I look at you, you are looking weird」

Not normal?

I suppress my irritation and confirm my status.

Status

HP92/169 MP0/262

State: Confusion 7.61 Mental 2.35 Bleeding 0.32 Enhancement 2.01

I confirm the increased mental and Enhancement was added.

I click my tongue and feeling out of afraid to die.

【Skill "???" is activated】

In exchange for stabilising mind, confusion is added by +1.00

However. my Enhancement status isn't settled yet.

I don't feel any changes. A heat of fighting spirit keeps boiling inside my head.

Status

HP92/169 MP0/262

Confusion 8.61 Mental 0.8 Bleeding 0.32 Enhancement 2.01

The enhancement status doesn't disappear.

My skill of ??? isn't able to debuff enhancement status.

It may not a bad status. I'm guessing too much.

There are too many uncertainties of elements that I still don't get it yet.

「As expected, you can't remove out the status! But I will not give you a time to calm down!」

Tidus attacks me who is still in puzzled.

It attacks with a blade which attached on its arm while sowing a black liquid. It is hard to avoid its blade attack and in addition to avoiding the sowing black liquid. I ignore the liquid and concentrate on only blade attacks.

「You are not avoiding it? Magic 《Song of Rebel》」

It's magic infiltrates into my body.

I can't resist anymore, my excitement is rising. I feel like my blood is boiling and keeps this fighting continue. Against a powerful boss is exciting.

「Khhhh!」

You showed me good eyes! Well done, a human should be like this!

My body advances forward without my will. My body feels good but it can't be stopped.

I shout out many times. I'm excited.

Indeed, my speed and power are in good condition. However, I keep attacking without techniques and tactics.

Our blade clashed many times and a spark is scattered everywhere.

Meanwhile, the black liquid of Tidus keeps eroding me.

They, This is the best, isn't it? Clashing a blade with a blade! To be survived with putting our life on the line!! J

Tidus speaks come to sing.

And, I can't control my own body. Currently, I keep fighting crazy in excitement.

My body is moving in according to expectations of Tidus. This is painful, how long this will be end?

Despite my HP is really low, I can't think of any way to retreat.

「Fufufu, Kuhahaha!!」

Tidus laugh lauder, and I'm still thinking a way out. Even though I lost my will of my body, the feels are not unpleasant. On the contrary, this is so exciting.

Part 6

My heartbeat is increasing.

Now, my fight is not based on calculation consequences nor plans anymore.

My body kept brutally fighting with Tidus without thinking anything.

「Dont let yours...Sieg!!! If you kept like that...!!」

「Don't get in my way, DIIIIIAAAAAA!!」

I heard a voice from my rear side. I answered, refusing.

I feel like anyone who gets in my way will become my enemy.

[Sieg!!]

A voice approaching me from behind.

Still, I don't stop fighting and continue waving my sword. I didn't look at my back.

My life force is running off. This situation keeps continuing and the situation becomes worse. In this situation, I know I will be the one who lose so I don't bother to change my tactic.

Tidus continues to swing its arm that transformed into a blade towards me.

It's blade now approaching to my body. This situation already becomes unfavourable for me.

Then, Tidus's blade comes to my neck as the conclusion is being reached.

Looks like this is my end. The limit that I can do is recklessly attack.

To the unreasonable situation, I lost my power to react. Tidus got the chances. When the chance the blade of Tidus was aimed at my neck...

a few step more that was going to my neck, Dia cuts in between my fight with Tidus.

Dia tried to protect me.

A fresh blood is spilled in the darkness.

The blade that supposed to be aimed at my neck, in my place Dia got slashed diagonally on the body. Still, Dia swings the sword at Tidus. The counterattack of Dia made a cut of Tidus's right arm.

Dia's body is covered in blood and falls down.

「Ah—Ah…」

I saw Dia falls down.

Though it's icy at surrounding but It has lit a fire in me at the moment.

[Arrrghhh, ARRRGHHHH....!]

I was able to recognise the situation at the moment when my mind was about to break.

Like a slide show in my mind, I recalled when I met at the first time with Dia.

After all, Dia is just someone who unrelated to me. I'm just using Dia.

It was a good choice to him became my shield.

It does make a sense If just left him behind.

Dia who received damaged in my place is a good thing, or not....

No, this is not a good thing.

When I feel that I don't want to lose here, more my important person is disappearing.

It is unhappy for me.

I can't forgive Tidus who slashed Dia. More than this, I also can not forgive myself who was protected by Dia.

The impulse of feelings mixed inside my mind feels like a lighting stab to my throat.

[!AAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!]

in an instant.

My eyes met with Dia's eyes in an instant.

Looks like Dia is asking for help in his eye, but I still don't get what its means at the moment.

I don't get it why it has to be me, however, there was a conviction in his eyes towards me. Due to me who, all the time have always helped him unconsciously.

Actually, anyone was good.

Because I didn't want to challenge the labyrinth alone. Even though I pretended to be strong, but I hate to be alone in this world.

This is I'm talking about Dia Sith.

Because he seems to die at any moment, I gave him a sign to relax and leave it to me. Then, was it bad or good, we are a comrade. A friend who is about the same age as me.

If Dia died in this place, I will be alone inside this dim light Labyrinth.

No friend in the Labyrinth of an unknown world. We have been spending a lot of time together, the fear swells up inside my mind.

A feeling that wants to help a friend named Dia, a feeling that wants to protect me, Those feelings mix inside my mind.

I have nowhere to go, so...I move my body.

「Get awayyyy!!」

I stopped the Tidus's attack that aimed at the neck of Dia just on time.

I rushed up to Dia who fell down and saw his eyes made my heart jumps up.

Hollow eyes which don't have a life. Dia's eyes move to the direction of his right hand which is grasping a misery treasured sword. Silently I'm staring at it and got stunned.

A mass of blood flows out. It's obviously the death is waiting for Dia.

You got me surprised...It's beautiful to look a human tried to help each other. But it is more beautifully when a human can't do a thing for that.... J

Tidus who regains its posture comment about Dia's struggle.

In Tidus's comment, seems like it think that Dia has acted foolishly. Tidus is

approaching while giving an applause. To not being considered, it revealed a thirst blood. I took the sword and think. I have to think only how to kill this monster. I have no way but to kill this monster quickly to help critically injured Dia.

Fortunately, all of my thinking had changed into fear.

However, it is not a fear of me being in the danger situation. It is a fear of losing Dia. I'm now in rage but, it doesn't mean I can not control my own body anymore.

Then, I kicked the part of the frozen body of Tidus.

My chance of success is thin. However, I still have one way to get a chance. It is I have to bet all on it.

「Did the "excitement" turned into fear? If that so, once again I cast out a spell of magic...」

Watching my posture, Tidus grasped the situation instantly. Then, it kept chasing me. On the way of that, its eyes opened wide like seeing an unbelievable one.

The glances were turned behind of me.

「—Holy Magic 《Shion》」

A voice echoes inside the room which is not mine neither Tidus.

Tidus flew in a defensive posture. I confirmed my distance with Tidus and also confirm my back.

A bubble of the light that makes a fantastic scene. at a few meter in my radius, a space filled with a concentration of a mass of light.

「It can't be...ー!」

Me and Tidus's eyes wide opened.

At the centre of light, the covered in the blood of Dia made a stance.

Dia's hollow eyes are staring at Tidus.

Dia swings his right arm without minding his injury. The ground was drawn by a deep red fresh blood.

The bubble of the mass of light is connected and make rampages.

The magic attack swallows Tidus and me.

The pressure of the magical power attacked me as well. Though there is no physical power in magical attack but, there is a way to avoid these attack.

I warped myself with the developed 《Dimension》

Nevertheless, Dia cast out the magic one after another.

I put my effort to avoid from these Holy magic.

Probably these magic is the most powerful magic that Dia has.

The true Dia's magic.

Γ—Holy Magic 《Full Cure》, Holy Magic 《Strass Field 》《Divine Arrow》《Divine Arrow》《Divine Arrow》 《Divine Arrow》 ■ Trow》 ■

His magic was really indiscriminate.

The recovery magic stopped his bleeding, My cut injury is cured as well and Tidus turned into a light.

That magic is hitting everything inside this Labyrinth without a decided aim.

It is obviously anyone who saw this scene will be frenzied. The Attack was aimed toward the enemy and also me who is his ally either.

I understood the situation and made a distance from Dia while I was having a cold sweat.

At the same time, I got the situation. This is a chance.

The importantly, Dia's bleeding has already stopped. I don't know why Dia didn't use it, to begin with? Is there a restriction to use those magic? However, I'm certain that Tidus has lost its margin.

I see the flowing body of Tidus. I put my effort to avoid those magic which made Tidus flowing now.

I take a glance at Dia and go straight toward Tidus.

At the moment, Dia's magic is effectively stricken on Tidus.

I put my everything to bet on this last attack.

I taste an iron inside my mouth. My foot is heavy and I'm losing my sense on my both arms. Certainly, this is exceeded my limit already. Even though I got recovered by Dia.

Tidus recognised me who rapidly approaching it. Then, desperate immediately try to take a posture of fighting back.

Things except for my hand with a sword, I jump into Tidus with the resolution.

Seeing my intention Tidus try to swing its arm that transformed into the blade. I who became desperate can't avoid that. Even so, I kept quickly inclining forward to Tidus.

My hand got cut and my sword was dropped.

Thanks to the sword were dropped, I was able to avoid the fatal blow. Tidus grasped the situation and its face is distorted to a victory.

——So all was its plan.

Tidus attacked me but I caught its blade with my wounded hand.

Tidus floats a surprised face due to I succeed to catch its blade. When it was about to move its hand but too slow.

I moved my hand already toward space, I took out my spare sword from my "belonging".

At that moment, I swing my sword and cut Tidus's neck and split the body of Tidus.

Tidus's head is flown off.

It didn't feel like I cut a water, I was sure I cut something like meat just now. Due to the Ice Magic and Holy Magic, Tidus's body became solid.

Tidus is losing its power. Not yet. I can not relax yet.

I cut its hand and feet more. I also thrust its core. I cut Tidus as many time as possible.

Finally, I pay attention to the head that flew off.

The head that lay on the ground, its eyes is glaring at me.

To be astonished and made a happy facial expression.

Despite its head is laying on the ground, it talks.

「A, a, Yo, Your victory,」

After its declaration of our win, the rampaging magic becomes quiet.

When I look at behind me, Dia kneeled down suffered. He is calming down by seeing the enemy was minced up. Looks like he exceeded his limit.

「Haahhhhh.....Hahhh...!!! Looks like we are won...」

Me too, Declare our victory and get ready to gives a final blow.

Thank you. It was fun. I let my guard down to that last magic]

Tidus is laughing about its lost.

It ended all.



Tidus didn't expect to my last magic, "belonging" that I was able took out a sword from inside.

With this, Thanks to you two, my wish is fulfilled...If possible I want to do something for Alty with this body...Ah, that flame girl who appeared before. I hope you can fulfil her wish as well....

Little by little, the head changed into a liquid. Its mouth can't be being formed anymore and its word is blurring.

We who were trying to kill each other, if you said it so it will make us trouble.

[Hahaha, You are right...]

Tidus laughs. it seems satisfied.

It looked up to shows it has already the limit and it is disappearing.

Fu, it was fun....]

It was its last word before it disappears.

The remaining part becomes of light and vanished.

I who saw that moment sheath my sword.

The Title of "The Cleaning of the Darkness" is on possesion.

Mind Magic is added by +0.50

I used "Indication" as when we declared our victory.

One black jewel remained on the mark of light.

I picked it up and take a look.

The Guardian of the Devil Stone

It is the Guardian Tidus of the magical power Crystal.

I confirmed the safety of the item and I let out a sigh then turned back to Dia.

I saw crouched Dia. It is the same when I met him for the first time.

At the moment, I used "Indication" to confirmed the HP. I don't think he will die at any moment. However Due to the Situation that he was bleeding, his surrounding became a pool of blood. If you think in common sense, to notice he

is still breathing is already weird.

It was a situation where you should have to take him to the hospital immediately to have the medical treatment.

I put back my sword into the "belonging" and lift the Dia.

He is really light. I knew he is small but, to be this light. It made me think that looks like Dia is totally lost all of his blood.

「....Si, Sieg, Sorry....I'm really sorry」

Dia kept apologising while I'm carrying him.

He breathes heavily while the eyes are not opening and seem like he felt my presence.

Let's return first before something is happening again J

If you look, the black flame that shut the exit room has disappeared before we aware. Let's hurry before the boss who used to be associated with Tidus appear.

Looks like we are able to get out as soon as possible, just you relax Dia

When Dia heard me, he relaxed.

We are in the hurry while I relieved Dia is still breathing.

And then, I don't let my guard down when we are on the way to get out from the Labyrinth with "Correct Path"

Even though my condition is also bad.

It will be more troubling if I lose my consciousness here.

I strongly have my will and keeps walking on the road that the jewel shining at the side of the path.

On the way of out, Dia kept repeating delirious words.

He is muttering not only my name. He is muttering the name and the place that I never heard.

His words awfully words remained in my ear. His delirious words are so much of feelings. Apologize, Jealousy, Grudge, that's what his delirious words.

[I'm not Dia Sith...]

Dia trembling his body. He tells he have a good comrade who is me...

「Sieg...as long I have Sieg at my side...」

Dia's expression softened even it is only a little.

Absolutely, I will not allow Dia to die.

While I swear it so, we come up to the surface. I kept moving my foot for even it is a little quickly, it will be helpful to Dia.

In this way, we successfully escaped the Labyrinth.

We succeed the trial of "20th level" who anyone in the Allied Nation wasn't able to clear before us.

Chapter 5: "Me" my name is Diablo Sith

Part 1

——It's about a past story.

The story introduces about someone named Dia.

The life of a girl named Diablo Sith.

At first, I have no names.

When I was born into this world, My mother who feared of the demon didn't give me any name.

When I was born at that time I had enormous magical powers already.

My body is also different from human, a small wing has grown on my back. Apparently not the actual human being.

It's only normal for my parent to feared me, whom being different from human. I was abandoned and I was entrusted to the village church.

Fortunately, they treated me well.

The father called me an "Apostle" and worshipped me.

Being an Apostle seems like i will be able to become a bishop in this continent. The father in the village was kept explaining how wonderful existence is.

When I turned 5 years old, my miracle and existence are known to the whole villagers. And, it came I'm called as the legendary of Sith.

The legendary of apostle Sith dances from the heaven as the representative of the God, gave miracles to the suffered poorly people. At the end of the legend, apostle Sith expected to be marrying a certain hero. My descendants will become the people in this village. That's what the Villagers kept expecting the miracle of Sith.

At that time, my parents were not looking at me with fear anymore. It sickened

me a bit because the village didn't treat me like a normal child but as the godlike being.

I accomplished the duty as the apostle.

I was taught holy magics by the father in the village and I cured injured villagers by my power.

To keep away the village from monster, many life has gone.

For the children who are suffered from the disease, in my sleep time I spend more time to learn the magic.

Indeed my power was miracle.

I might think my parents will recognised me some days if I put more effort. At that time I didn't have any doubt in living as the apostle.

However, my effort just advanced my Godhood. The villagers were bowed to me and even being looked in fear. I noticed that my power was too much.

Even my parents began to lower their head to me.

The newborn of the apostles in each country will become popular.

I who became 10 years old have begun to finally have an ego for myself. By having extremely magic with only myself is lonely.

I got the situation that my own power was the one took my parents away from me, took my lifestyle away from me.

It was at that time.

When a big existence of a country have begun to make a move in order to puts under control of apostle Sith.

To against a country, my village was too small for a fight. Due to that reason, I was given to the country.

At that time, I was thinking.

If I want more power, the power will come. I realized this wasn't make sense.

I traveled to many place from there.

To fulfil the curiosity of the miracle was expected by the lord's house. I put a

show for the profit to a certain merchant family and aristocrats is satisfied as well. At the end even the king made a prayer to me.

Though the fact I used my miracle power to the suffering poorly people in order to filled my pocket.

It made me seems to lose the duty of the apostle.

I didn't know why I'm alive and Whats the things that I really want.

Therefore, I asked the permission from the country to take a look at my hometown where my origin is.

Though it was a simple village but, a warm village. The villagers strongly lived although being poor.

I went to see the house where I was born.

At there, I saw my parents made a smile that I never seen before. My parents carried a child, walking.

That child was my younger brother. Out of my knowledge, younger brother is appeared before me.

They didn't tell me anything. His age is not really different from mine. Nevertheless, I didn't even know him.

My brother was playing like a normal child.

Above all, he loved play using the sword and he, many times, said that he will become a Knight.

My mother "I'm expecting you" while laughing.

My father "if the sword, I will teach you" while laughing.

They were laughing. "I relieved to have a son like you", "I thought that If the son was born I will teach him the sword" "Become splendid man" "Become strong swordsman that even able to beat me!" "Yes, our proud son" "Our child"

—It stirred deeply inside my heart.

[How about me?]

So I muttered.

They, I worked hard you know? How about me? Even I, loved fairy tales and wanted to become cool swordsman too, you know? But, everyone told me to learn about the magic and become apostle to makes miracle with holy magic. I desperately learned the magic. Didn't you said so, huh? father, mother....That was why, I...I...—]

There were many books in the village.

There were a lot of legends book, especially there were books that recorded hero and the fairy tale.

My house and church has that kind of books.

I was certain my enjoy life will be after I fulfilled my obligation as an apostle.

No, to put the correct word is I want to make villagers happy. However, my brother read the books the same way as I did. That's why he also have a goal to becomes a swordsman.

「Me, Me too—」

When I noticed, I already made my appearance before my parents.

Even though I told the country that I just wanted to see my hometown but, my body moved by itself.

「Si, Sith lord—?」

Why are you in this kind of place!? J

My parents lower their head as soon as they look at me.

The moment became a painful things for me.

[Hey...who is that?]

I didn't know anything about my younger brother.

Perhaps, my parents have desperately hiding him from me. I'm also one of your children, I received kindly education.

[I, I'm your...—]

I try to let out the words and answer him but...

This person is Sith lord. The apostle who came down from the heaven.

My mother interrupted my words.

These feelings, I just wanted to die.

I wish everything just perish. That was the point my life changed.

I decided, I was reborn at this moment.

Afterwards, I revolted from the country.

Since I have no reason to serve the country from the beginning.

I didn't care anything about my village while I'm revolting. I did not want to think about it anymore.

Now, I realised the things that I really want.

I wanted to become just like my younger brother.

To become like my younger brother who were born as a man and growing while reading hero books. To be guided to become a swordsman and loved by my parents. In the end, a good swordsman with heroic story return to their parents happily.

That was my wish.

I knew what was necessary to obtain for achieve my goal.

In the end, only the one who has a power can grasp anything. It could grasp money, authority and the things that I want. I precociously understood it.

However, at that moment it is just only matter of time before I was taken by the country.

The country know how useful of me. Because I was obedient so far, I was able to get away from them. However, with financial power and also the power of the country it will be not so far in the future I might get caught.

Till then, I have to obtain money and power.

To oppose all of them I need Money and Power.

In that purpose, I started my own journey.

My aim for now is to stand at the shining stage like the story that I read when I

was kid.

There is a giant Labyrinth appeared on the continent. The hero who challenged it. Met a companion and separated. It is difficult to achieve the same as that stories. Gold and silver treasures are also lying inside the Labyrinth. To have a Glory life——

I who had only partial knowledge about Labyrinth, I chose the Labyrinth as the step to achieve my dream.

I have gone out as a free boy not as apostle Sith.

Me, decided to become boy is aiming to become a swordsman. I decided to forget the holy magic which taken my important things.

I decided to redo everything in my life, I held a light dream.

Then, I walked straight to the Labyrinth in this continent.

I encountered a thief but they ran away. I was deceived when I asked them to guide me for the Labyrinth. I was deceived by the merchant who I tried to help. I was about to be eaten by a monster too. My food stock and money was running off—

After a long trip, finally I arrived at the Varte.

I immediately think while my heart feel so breaking.

From the beginning, my heart was broken. I notice my heart is already death, it was rotten out, and mad.

If I only wanted to get power and money I could just use my holy magic easily to get those things but, I want to protect my dream by going to the Labyrinth as my steps.

In my mind, I'm losing those feelings of balance. Stupidly, I have also wished for a partner because people will think a child like me will not be able to accomplish the Labyrinth.

I want all of that and this. I'm greedy and selfish.

In my negative thinking, my body won't move.

Sitting down but can't make a stand.

I know nothing anymore. I crouched down. I was in anxiety. Even I can't shed a tear. I have to...but— And...I met him. A boy with a black-haired who had a scar of burn on the neck. [Hey, are you waking up?] [--i3]

I gave my face out to him.

The boy before me was looking at me.

Me, I'm not living as the girl anymore so I won't shed any tears again.

I showed him a foolish of me.

Yeah...

At that time it was magical snow in the cold of a night.

Part 2

──I Recalled some part of my memories.

I don't know what happen to my body...I challenged the Guardian and defend someone who was about to being cut.

I was sure at that time, that blade of Tidus was about to cut my neck as well.

That was just almost... Then I met the eyes of Sieg who seem to burst into tears at any moment.

LDIIIIAAA!!!]

Perhaps Sieg used his sword to defend me at that time.

At that time, I saw a hero like in my dream. It made me looks like an encounter of a sword but wasn't able to grasp it.

It was really beautiful and I was envy.

I who fell down came to my sense and crawl away so to not being a hindrance to Sieg. Then I noticed my right arm that I wanted to lift my body a little.

At that time, my right arm who gripped the sword was being cut.

At that moment in my view, I muttered and ridiculing myself.

—so this is my end....

Diablo Sith

The one who was being called Demon, Apostle, what a funny life. So, I tried to live through "me" again as new "me".

However, my life is still miserable. If my end at that time was like that, so my ending for the new me is like this as well.

I look at my fresh own blood is scattered everywhere around my surrounding.

The red blood is overflowing like a fountain on my body.

A great amount of my blood is lost.

I know that [Life Prolongment] and [God Divine Protection] is activating as my current situation reached this far.

However, with these fatal wounds it won't enough.

At this rate, I will die at any moment. If I don't do anything, it will be expected I will die.

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Ah...That's not bad.

I'm okay with that.

However, just Sieg. I can't let him die.

I was the one who dragged him into this kind of situation Because of my fault to let Sieg die is not an option. I have to put my life to help him.

But, I don't think with just my cheap life would be able to save Sieg.

I have to choose.

My dreams are more important than my lives. That what's I determined in my life.

Then, How about Sieg?

My first comrade. The first person who acknowledged me as Dia.

Though I met him not that long, but he already gave me many things.

The one who understands me. The one who became my first friend.

Ah... So...

My dreams are more important than my life but, Sieg is more important than my dreams.

Therefore, I will cast out my holy magic even I have to die.

I cast out the holy magic.

A light that I hate so much is generating from my own body.

After so long the "me" before is back.

I bite my own lips after so long I repeated many times of this spell before.

「—Holy Magic 《Shion》」

After that, I have to only defeat that monster named as Tidus.

I can say my specialised in spirit magic could effectively attack Tidus. I have to make that body of Tidus become solid like Sieg did with his Ice Magic.

For that purpose, I cast out my magic. With the much holy magic that I learned from my childhood, I should have been able to defeat this monster.

The light of my magic fills up all of the space inside the room.

I feel dizzy and my view is becoming worse.

This will be useless if I lost my consciousness at this time. Even though little of my blood running in my brain in my current situation, I have to act calmly.

My view became blackout. I was swallowed by the darkness.

Still, The enemy can be seen.

Even if I have to die, I have to defeat it. I only think about to defeat it.

In order to protect Sieg. In order to protect Sieg. In order to protect Sieg.

I found that my body is already beyond my limit.

My dream is collapsed. But I just only have to get my power to that beyond of my limit.

That is why, I, definitely, I have to protect him.

[Skill 《Absolutely Protect》is activated]

I strengthened my feelings.

I have to do anything I can do just for Sieg's sake.



Chapter 6: Aim the Deepest part of the different world Labyrinth

Part 1

After we escaped from the labyrinth, the first place that I headed is hospital.

I looked for the good reputation hospital and we arrived at the biggest hospital in Varte.

Doctor said, Dia is in critical condition due to the lost of much blood, used magic in a critical state and used magic continuously. I understood what Doctor said, at once I hurried to see the bill cost. I was able to hold up the advance payment but, I couldn't afford to completely cover all of the cost until Dia gets recovered.

Since I have to pay no matter what, in order to get moneys I should sell some of items in my "Storage"

After I saw the result, The problem was solved at once.

The stone that dropped by Tidus was special. The purity was higher than the current others magic stone. At the end, it was ended up negotiation with the important people in this country. Though I met various trouble but, I was able to change magic stone into money so I went back to the hospital.

I paid at the reception, I felt relieve, with this Dia won't be expelled.

After the procedure at the receptionist finished, I was guided to Dia's room.

Since this hospital is the biggest in this country, the room service is also nice. The pattern of the building is very attentive and I found no problem in cleanness.

Even though it will be upside down if compared to the hospital of my original world but, judging the standard of this world, this hospital is already good.

Inside the hospital room, I saw a simple nursing tool and also magic tool that I never seen before. Perhaps the medical treatment in this world is developed by

magic.

I opened the curtain to let wind flows inside the room. There is Dia on the bed. Thanks to the treatment, Dia's condition is getting better.

Near the bed which Dia is laying down, there is an appearance of the old age doctor who sat down on the wooden chair.

The doctor noticed me and called out to me.

「Ah, you are Dia's companion, aren't you? Was the payment procedure went well?」

「Yes, There was no problem because I changed some of my items into moneys」

That's good to hear. Then, shall I explain Dia's condition to you?

「Yes, Please!」

The doctor urged me to sit down on the wooden chair. Then, I take a sit on the chair.

Let's go ahead to the conclusion, First, the lost arm will be impossible to get restored. Even with the best magic in this continent, to recover the lost arm will be difficult. That was due the time was too much passes since the arm got cutoff. Though you really insisted us to recover the lost arm, we are really sorry but please give it up.]

「...I understood」

I bite my lips.

I didn't know how advance the medical level of this world but, I bet my hope to this world's medical with magic. However, that was only my imagination. If the medical of this world was really that good, I will not see many people in the town who lost foot or arm either.

Next, it is about deep slashed wound on the body. It will remain a big scar on the body. This was due to the Dia performed recovery magic. Perhaps when the magic is performed, Dia didn't wish for the completely recovery.

「...A scar? That probably will be no problem」

Dia who claim as a man probably will not have problem regarding the scar.

Thm? if you are fine with it then there is no problem. Next. Due to the blood loss an illness of "Deficiency of Magical Power" is appeared. This could be dealt with the treatment of special meal or it is possible to do somehow with a magic tool. The complete recovery is one week.

Deficiency of Magical power due to the blood loss?

First time I heard this. Perhaps it is about the generation of MP is slowing. Though I read some books in the library regarding the symptom of blood loss could effect the MP. The less knowledge of me is just can do with what the doctor said.

「Yes, Please!」

TOkay, Finally, I feared to crumble of mind and body's balance by having lost the right arm. I have my mind for an artificial arm but, a trouble will be certainly occurred regarding perform magical power and sword. I think this will become a shock for Dia who is a explorer of the labyrinth.

「It might be so…」

I think you should consider about this really carefully. That's all. For the time being, let's get Dia get hospitalization in one week. For the special rehabilitation is recommended, therefore another procedure is necessary so please request this at the reception.

I become painful in my mind to the said result.

「Ah, Mr. Sieg are you okay? Though you are healed by the recovery magic but, you looks painful」

「...Oh, I'm okay. I felt depressed for different reasons」

Well I'm not lying.

There is no problem with my HP and MP is starting to recover naturally. However, that reasons is I wasn't able to accept the doctor's conclusion.

[Please don't overdo yourself. Well then, I take my leave.]

Thank you, doctor]

The doctor finished the general explanation to me and gets out of the room.

I see the doctor with bowing.

Then, the winds silently fills the room through the window.

「−Holy Magic 《Cure FULL》」

I heard a voice at my back.

A warm of light fills the room completely.

That old man is exaggerated things. Certainly, I have difficult to my body's balance but that will be no problem.

「Ah, you were wake up?」

Dia who on the bed chanted a magic.

With a white robe is worn on the body and the bundled hair behind is undone.

I mutter and point out to the light.

「Thats...?」

[I'm sorry, Sieg. I have been concealed up my magic up till now...]

Dia lowered her head.

I becomes unable to stay still. I knew it and accepted her words. But for Dia, probably she felt guilty to concealed it up to me and brought to her partner's life and death.

I'm not going to put my head easily.

Nah, that was fine. Though I knew that Dia had high ability in magic but, it was still surprised me. Was there a reason for you to hide it?

「Reason...Reason huh? It was just a foolish reason...」

Dia said so and raises her head a little while playing looked like a light ball around her.

Feven so, that was really saved me. If you could use it at the moment in danger, that is fine for me. frown now on—」

TNo, I can use it at anytime now. I will keep using it now. That's what I

decided]

Dia crushed strongly the looked like ball light on her hand.

The magic that has not been performed up till now is going to be performed from now on. The magic was not really used until she got on the verge to die. I wonder what's the reason for her to changed her mind?

Somehow I can just guess it.

Unconsciously my glance is glaring at the right arm of Dia that lost. Dia noticed my glare and begins to talk with a calm tone.

「It's not like you think, Sieg. This does not really matter to me. Since I'm the explorer of the labyrinth, I already had the resolution for this happen. That's why don't make such a sad face for my lost arm. You suffered because of my fault, I'm sad too」

「But, your chance to hold the sword now...」

On the contrary, Dia is worrying me. However, I didn't get disadvantage like Dia's condition now.

Then, Dia interrupts my words...

[Nah, I don't mind about sword anymore.]

[Eh?]

「As long I have my holy magic I will be fine. Though, it will take times to get me recovered. As you can see now its not a problem」

Without expecting my answer, Dia continue...

「On the contrary, this is my good opportunity to devote myself in magic.」 Thus, I have to rethink about how the way to fight and thinking again. Well, during my rest I will think about it」

[Ha? Just wait...]

Her way of thinking changed 180 degrees. Before she thought the opposite way.

Dia is shorting my worries but I'm still in uncomfortable feelings.

This is feels like one of my skill "???" that can make a sudden changes.

It is strange for someone who persistence to hold a sword but give it up easily. If come to think of it, her decision is good for her in realistic condition. However, I thought that Dia who are still like a child can't make such decision.

I still feel uneasy.

At that time, I can still remember about how Dia is glaring at her arm and felt like she is in despair. However, I don't see any despair in her eyes anymore.

I don't think it's my lack to observe someone. Before, someone like Dia was easy to understand.

However, certainly...

I think Dia doesn't care about sword anymore.

Would be someone who was on the verge to die will change so easily?

It might be the same like in the story book.

But still, I feel like something is wrong.

「What's wrong, Sieg?」

Γ...No, if Dia is fine with it then there is no problem, but, please priority your rest first. I don't care how many days you will stay here I will cover up the medical bill so please rest assured. Ah, one more thing. Dia, I succeed to sell the magic stone which dropped by Tidus with the high price! So just slowly take your rest here J

To shake off this uneasiness, I reported the result that I got to Dia.

Since one of Dia's goal is money, this should make her happy.

「Is that so? well for now please take everything. I'm still in sick so it is not necessary for me now. On the contrary, if Sieg needs more money, I don't mind please take my parts」

「...Eh, but, didn't you say you need money?」

「Someday, I don't need it now」

I don't see a will of money in her eyes.

I don't feel Dia is still had attachment towards money anymore.

I can feel that Dia is really changed. As I thought, perhaps this is due to her lost arm or losing an important thing.

Part 2

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There is nothing I can do but rest for now. Just wait for me Sieg. I will be right back. Till then by cannot helping you it's painful for me... J

Dia showed sorry expression. Ah, that face...is the Dia who I have known. Dia who is always depended on me and hopelessly by cannot helping me.

「Nah, I'm good. If I didn't have Dia stand by my side to explore the Labyrinth, I'm planning to take a rest as well」

「...No, no way」

Dia interrupted me with denial answer.

I can see an intention in her eyes. I don't understand what her intention is...

If just Sieg alone, I believe Sieg can do it alone in the Labyrinth. I already knew from that day when we entered the Labyrinth for the first time you really frightened. But, I think you already will be fine!

Dia said that to me that I will be fine alone.

I'm at loss by her words. Dia knew about my state towards the Labyrinth but, She convinced that I will be fine to challenge the Labyrinth by myself.

「Me alone...?」

「Almost of all our way in the Labyrinth, you have beaten monsters by yourself, Sieg. On the opposite, it was me should have to question you? Why such a strong person like Sieg should becomes my partner? I doubt myself and cannot afford to ask you. It was me who need Sieg...」

Why I have used Dia?

That's...Because she has a talent...

Yeah, that's it, Because I didn't like it to go to the Labyrinth by myself.

There was no helped for me at that time to have a thinking like that. Now, I can

clearly understand what Dia's means.

[I'm just a coward... I wasn't able to feel safe...]

「But, you are already fine. I guarantee you, Sieg. You are strong. So please test it yourself. In the good opportunity, I want to see Sieg fight again. At that time, I want Sieg to decide whatever I'm being needed or not. If not, I…」

I can see a hesitation and suffering in Dia. I get it.

I make a resolution to myself.

[I get it, I will try to challenge it by myself until where I'm able to advance]

「Oh, I'm relieved. Just because of me, I don't want to become a hindrance to you. You have a dream for yourself, aren't you?」

When I promised my resolution to Dia, she laughed.

It is not wrong to try it. A carefree smile floats on Dia's face.

By knowing Dia is really seriously thinking about me, I'm pleased.

Still in this way, Dia continues...

TAh right, please use this. This is no use for me anymore.

Dia said so and throws out the sword at me.

The treasured sword of Aries | This is Dia's important sword.

This would help but, are you fine with it?

I simply can feel her strong will by just holding this sword.

「I'm fine. When I cannot stand by your side, In my place if that sword can protect Sieg, I'm happy.」

There is no hesitation in Dia. rather, a strong will.

Thanks. For the time being, I will use it]

Certainly, better to use it than to not being used it after all. I have no reason to refuse her will.

I received her sword and looked at it slowly.

I felt this sword is a little bit old-fashioned but, I know this would be useful for

me. This superior of silverwork have no obstacle to cut anything. This silverwork is really good.

[The treasured sword of Aries]

Attack Power 5. Increased attack rate of 20% fir those who equipping it.

「Sieg. Your dream. I will absolutely protect your dream. I will!!」(I>Watashi) 「Eh?」

When I still looked at the sword, I was surprised by Dia. It wasn't like she is talking to me but, Dia was talking to herself.

Dia who will protect me, I can see a small expression on her face. However, this feels like Dia is different person. Certainly, she said, "me" (Me>Watashi).

That's it. Well then...let me take a sleep for now...Since I have to get recovered soon...]

Like there was nothing happen, Dia lies down.

Honestly, I wanted to talk more but Dia has to get recovered that's what she said. When she said so, probably she cannot hear me more than this.

Was that I miss hearing something?

But, probably better to talk again the next day.

「I get it. Slowly take your rest. I will come again to report you about until where I will be able to advance inside the Labyrinth」

I made a promise to Dia and I got out from the room.

However, when at the time I left the room, I saw something in Dia's hand. It was a hair clip that I gave her.

Dia is really cherishing for that item.

I can see it is really important to her.

It gave me feels like she found something new after the sword.

Part 3

After I talked with Dia, I begin to plan to challenge the Labyrinth alone.

No more excuse, I begin to have confident in my own ability.

Me and Dia have to show each other though with any kind of injuries we would overcome anything.

I think that what's Dia hopes too.

I arrange and buy necessaries with the money that I got from selling the magic stone which dropped from Tidus.

I don't find any problem with my body condition too.

I thought that there would be an aftereffect regarding my maximum HP, but it is not happening. I'm just in good condition. On the next day after we escaped from the Labyrinth, my maximum HP and MP had already recovered.

Unlike Dia who is suffering to the extent having a big scar. But, all of this it was thanks to Dia.

Then, I stand alone in front of the Labyrinth on the morning.

I can see the sun is rising on the horizon. The colour of the sunrise can be seen in the dark blue sky.

Here where I stand, nobody is at the entrance of the Labyrinth. In order to avoid being seen by others, I chose the time early on the morning.

I let out my breath in a refreshing posture and smelling the smells of the morning. Lastly, I check my status.

[Status]

Name: Kanami Aikawa HP:302/322 MP:506/512 Class: Level 10

Strength 6.19 Vitality 6.28 Dex 7.21 Speed 9.44 Wisdom 9.33 Magic power 21.66 Quality 7.00 Confusion 8.59

Experience* 17501/20000

Equipment: The treasured sword of Aries Clothes of Different World Large Cloak Shoes of Different World Leather Gauntlets Leather Breastplate After I have beaten Tidus, I gained experience and became level 10. Compare to me who was level 6 before, I now should be able to grasp Tidus movement easily.

However, my "Confusion" is jumped greatly too. Little by little of time, with using skill of "???" again I could reach the point of 10.00

I set my target.

To not use skill of "???"

Then, to reach the tenth level by myself. It was been a while since I drive myself into the Labyrinth. I can still recall about that day.

That was because I was still level 1, this time, is different. It is not possible my life will be threatened as I'm today.

I will not be scared like a child anymore.

Till now, I thought like the way I did in the game.

However, only that is not enough.

It is not enough if it just depended on the numerical value that being shown by the status.

To strengthened my mind, I starts my new challenge.

Yeah, me alone.

However--

「What? You are just alone here?」

—at the moment, it should have been me alone but I heard someone's voice.

「─DI 《Gladiate • Dimension》!!」

I take ready stance by performing my magic.

Because I just entered the Labyrinth, I didn't use 《Dimension》.

I pulled my sword out and trying to look for the main owner's voice.

I looks my surrounding all over with my magic.

Then, I find it. At the behind, I see a flare on the path that I walked just before.

That flare doesn't mean burns anything. A flare's size like a person is swaying in the air.

「Ah, sorry. Did I surprise you? Calm down, I don't come here to fight」

I got my sense and heard the voice. Then, I got the situation where I see a flare is talking The flare is shaped like a mouth. The mouth let out a voice like the normal person is talking.

TA voice from the flare?

[Wait! I will take my shape back]

I recalled this voice is surely...

The flare changes into a person, the one like wrapped in bandage. The bandage coils around the flame then became a person's shape and it shows the person already worn a clothe.

The head changes into a person's head and finally it became a girl with red hair like I saw on that time.

The tenth guardian of Alty gives a greeting.

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「...Ha, Hallo」

I hesitate while answering.

If you compared the tenth guardian with 20th guardian Tidus, the tenth guardian should be more inferior. But, I don't know if it is simple as easy like that.

Unlike when I fought with Tidus, I don't have Dia stand by my side now. Though there is no hostile from the opposite side, the chance to fight is still high. The current me with hight strength I could expand more tactics. Above all, this place is good. Even the time passes here, not really long a lot of people will come. and also I can see many escape routes from here too.

After I wavered, I decided to keep talking with Alty without hostility.

「Alty, aren't you? Did you come for fight?」

Without letting my guard down, I talk carefully.

A smile floats on Alty's face and gave a sign "no" by shaking her head. Her Intention is strange, I puzzled.

If the battle occurred, I will find it troublesome to fight with that kind of appearance. But, by judging from the outer appearance, she is just like a human child.

No no no... I did say that I don't come to fight I

Alty spoke arrogantly with her small body. I don't feel good. That is because I cannot forget that the outer appearance in front of me as a girl who is actually a monster.

I don't believe you. Just a few days ago, I was attacked by a monster named, Tidus. are you forgot already? at that time you closed our escape routes?

「Ukh... My role at that time just making a stage. If you were angry, I apologize. I'm sorry」

No, even if you feel apologized, I can't believe you... J

「Ukh…Looks like your impression on me is not really that good. It is "shock" for me. Even though I didn't attack you at all」

Alty is sulking at me.

Ah, this fellow too. This fellow is also the same like that Tidus.

It is just as expected. The impression towards monster and human are fighting each other. That's what your friend, Tidus said, didn't it?

Fufufu... You don't have to take its words. That's just rules which Tidus decided anyway.]

Alty persuades me like how to make a child believing the Santa Claus.

Even though she is much more child looking compared to me.

\(\Gamma\) So in the other word, you don't have any intend to fight me, do you? Like hell, \(\text{I will believe that!}\)

Tyup. I'm different compared to that battle freak. In truth, I don't have any doing like the monsters normally do. So, cool down!

「Really…even though I don't ever feel at ease when I entered the Labyrinth though」

TOh, you don't have to worry about that. If you became my partner, you don't have to worry much exploring the Labyrinth. For example such encounter a boss inside the Labyrinth. Oh except regarding the barrier on the correct path.

「Wait, wait just wait」

[Hm, what's wrong?]

My headache doesn't stop.

This one-sided decision is the same like when I encountered with Tidus. To not hearing about other's opinion and just egoistic deciding things.

「What did you? You just made me your partner on your own? Impossible, like hell I will believe you」

Looks like you do not believe me at all. Though there is no such hostility in my words? and just now I decided to help your Labyrinth's explore?

[If you were at my back, I will not feel safe at all!!]

[I don't mind to be your vanguard since my preference is sword]

Alty said so and the sword of flame appeared. She pierced many times toward the air.

I just can look at her is playing with a sword while child's smile appeared on her face.

But, still "no"! Her flame leaks terribly. From the hand and the foot.

I just can't treat her like I do to a human.

That's not the problem. It is just I can't feel safe with you being near. Like there is possible to explore the Labyrinth together with you.

「But, this is my important matter. Until you believed me, I will stand by your side. First, it's important to build mutual trust between us. I don't mind even it will take how many days? how many years? Until you can believe me」

Alty was saying so and laughed.

I can see her determination and I don't feel she is lying. Certainly, her words doesn't have any hostility.

But, probably is it just because of me still inexperienced so I can't feel her true nature? Whatever, my uneasiness still remains.

This is troubling me... I'm at loss...

This will be much more simple if she had the intention to attack me. All the plans that I thought before today became worthless.

Then, until I do believe you, you will stand by my side? J

[Yup]

[Hmm...If I defeat you now? since you are the boss.]

Tyou are awful! Showing that kind of intention to the person who is trying to become friendly with you. Can't you just accept the partner who is a lovely girl and embrace her pleasantly? I do really want you to trust me. I have my own wish until I can fulfil my wish. And...is it hard to be corporate between human and monster? I

Alty raises her hands up and makes a posture of giving up pose. She showed no harm intention.

I intended to cut Alty while she is like that because I saw her full of openings but, there is her word worried me.

「Wish? I thought so...so you have another intention」

I have a flashback during my combat with Tidus If I didn't mistake Tidus too...

「Oh, do you wanna hear me?」

Γ.....ι

Will be merit for me to hear her out?

Well her information will be necessary in order to capture this mystery Labyrinths. However, is her information will be truth?

Feside I want you to trust me, That's fine if you are just willingly to listen to me. I... I

「…Let's just hear what I want to hear. There is something I have curious about your words. You said that you didn't come to fight me, did you? So why?」

I want to hear about another's opinion at the Labyrinth's side who is Alty.

I can't think of any Idea if I used my game way of thinking. I just want to hear the important part as much as possible.

[Fufufu. ... I don't mind, I'll tell you]

Γ......

Alty laughs in a childish way.

Then she begins to speak slowly.

「Well... First, let's talk about the part you are curious... maybe this will interest you. To beat the guardian without having to kill it」

Alty doesn't remove her smile.

Even she is talking about the way how to defeat herself, her smile doesn't change.

Thonestly, We, the guardian of this Labyrinth as the monster have a regret. Well, the point is about how to broke off their regrets? Tidus successfully cleared its regret you know? Our existence is because our regrets are remains. That body of Tidus who is almost an immortal beings can die because its regrets are already cleared.

I get what Alty's means. It is about the truth behind Tidus's death.

Because Tidus's wish already fulfilled, it died. So I'm convinced.

This first time I heard. I don't have any hear such this information from anyone.

Nobody knows even the Allied Nations doesn't know how to truly capture the Labyrinth.

Fufufu, then my wish is.... My wish is only one. Just one... J

Alty makes her voice became heavier than she normally does at the beginning.

Perhaps this is regarding her wish.

In other words, it is about how to kill her.

「My wish is to be able to "LOVE"」

I almost faint at the last moment.

Alty raises her head up to the sky after declared something shamefully.

[How is it? Romantic right?]

My head hurts by hearing her wish. I'm helpless. This is too much.

It is not as simple problem. I'm conscious whatever I should be mad or not.

Meanwhile, Alty is seeing me straightly.

While enduring pain in my head, I thought "This is troublesome"

Declared her wish, she is just a monster thinking like the human does.

—Then, the sun is fully raised.

The sky became white and new signal of the day is shines.

Originally, my plan is when the sun rises, I already drive inside the Labyrinth.

I wanted to start my next chapter freshly to challenge the Labyrinth.

But, I had an unexpected visitor.

I hear the sound of my plans about to challenge the labyrinth that I worked out carefully collapses. I can also hear a crazy gear inside my head.

Then, the wheel of the fate turns.

The sounding wheel rolls on the slope and it falls.

In this way, another story begins. To the bottom, To the bottom, To the bottom. To the bottom. To the bottom. The fallen wheel is not stopped until it falls into the deepest part of the world.

To uncover the deepest part that you must not reach.

To reach the deepest part in order to grant the named boy, Kanami Aikawa's wish.

My Labyrinth's explore is not ended yet—

End of volume 1.